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OF THE

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IN THE

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LIST

OF THE

CLERGY AND LAY DEPUTIES

WHO COMPOSED THE CONVENTION.

CLERGY.

The Right Rev. William White, D. D., Bishop, rector of Christ, St. Peter's, and St. James' churches, Philadelphia.

The Right Rev. Henry Ustick Onderdonk, D. D. Assistant Bishop, Philadelphia.

The Rev. James Abercrombie, D. D. Philadelphia.

The Rev. Frederick W. Beasley, rector of All Saint's church, Lower Dublin, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. Samuel Bowman, rector of St. James' church, Lancaster.

The Rev. George Boyd, rector of St. John's church, N. L. Philadelphia.

The Rev. William Bryant, missionary, Moyamensing, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Edward Y. Buchanan, deacon, minister of St. John's church, Pequea, and Christ church, Leacock, Lancaster county.

The Rev. Levi Bull, rector of St. Mary's church, East Nantmeal, Chester county, Bangor church, Churchtown, Lancaster county, and St. Thomas' church, Morgantown, Berks county.

The Rev. John B. Clemson, rector of St. Paul's church, Chester, St. Martin's, Marcus Hook, and St. John's church, Concord, Delaware county.

The Rev. Chauncey Colton, President of Bristol College, Bucks county.

The Rev. Thomas Crumpton, rector of Christ church, Meadville, Crawford county.

The Rev. Christian F. Crusé, missionary, minister of St. Thomas' church, Whitemarsh, Montgomery county, and principal of Germantown academy.

The Rev. Robert Davis, Philadelphia.

The Rev. James De Pui, rector of St. Luke's church, Pottsville, Schuylkill county, missionary.

The Rev. George C. Drake, rector of St. Paul's church, Bloomsburgh, Columbia county, missionary.

The Rev. Lyman N. Freeman, rector of Christ church, Brownsville, Fayette county, missionary.

The Rev. Bennett Glover, rector of St. Paul's church, Erie, Erie county, missionary.

The Rev. William Hilton, rector of Christ church, Allegheny, Allegheny county, missionary.

The Rev. Cyrus H. Jacobs, rector of St. Paul's church, West Whiteland, and St. Andrew's, West Vincent, Chester county.

The Rev. John W. James, assistant minister of Christ church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. George Kirke, rector of St. John's church, New London ⋈ Roads, Chester county, missionary.

The Rev. Samuel T. Lord, missionary at Athens and Towanda, Bradford county.

The Rev. James May, rector of St. Stephen's church, Wilkes-Barré, Luzerne county.

The Rev. Samuel A. M'Coskry, rector of St. Paul's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. William Cooper Mead, D. D. rector of Trinity church, Southwark, Philadelphia.

The Rev. George Mintzer, rector of St. Gabriel's church, Morlattin, Berks county, missionary.

The Rev. Richard U. Morgan, rector of Christ church, Reading, Berks county.

The Rev. Henry J. Morton, assistant minister of St. James' church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Robert Piggot, rector of All Soul's church, Philadelphia, missionary.

The Rev. William H. Rees, rector of St. David's (Radnor) church, Newtown, Delaware county, and St. Peter's church, Great Valley, Chester county.

The Rev. John Reynolds, rector of St. James' church, Perkiomen, and St. John's church, Norristown, Montgomery county.

The Rev. Joshua M. Rogers, rector of Trinity church, Easton, Northampton county, missionary.

The Rev. John Rodney, Jr. rector of St. Luke's church, Germantown, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. George Sheets, rector of Trinity church, Oxford, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. Isaac Smith, rector of St. James church, Muncy, Lycoming county, and St. Matthew's church, Sunbury, Northumberland county, missionary.

The Rev. Nathan Stem, rector of St. Stephen's church, Harrisburg, Dauphin county, missionary.

The Rev. Stephen H. Tyng, D. D. rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia.

The Rev. George Upfold, D. D. rector of Trinity church, Pittsburgh, Allegheny county.

The Rev. James Wiltbank, Philadelphia.

Total, 40.

LAY DEPUTIES ATTENDING.

Allegheny county. Trinity church, city of Pittsburgh, William Adderly.

Berks county. St. Gabriel's church, Amity township, George L. Leaf.

Christ church, Reading, Matthias S. Richards, James P. Dunn, and Dr. John P. Hiester.

St. Thomas' church, Morgantown, Levi B. Smith, and David Morgan.

Bucks county. St. James the Greater's church, Bristol, James Johnston and Robert Wright.

Chester county. St. John's church, New London township, Charles M'Donald.

St. Mary's church, East Nantmeal township, Jacob Stem and Samuel Shaeffer.

St. Peter's church, Great Valley, Lewis G. Bull.

St. John's church, Pequea township, Abner Ubil.

St. Andrew's church, West Vincent, Robert Ralston.

Cumberland county. St. John's church, Carlisle, Thomas B. Jacobs.

Dauphin county. St. Stephen's church, Harrisburgh, Hamilton Aldricks.

Schuylkill county. St. Luke's church, Pottsville, William B. Potts.

Delaware county. St. Martin's church, Lower Chichester township, Marcus Hook, Thomas Robinson.

St. John's church, Concord township, Isaac Smith.

St. David's church, Newton township, Radnor, John Hunter and Isaac Norton.

Lancaster county. St. James' church, city of Lancaster, Thomas Jeffries.

Bangor church, Caernarvon township, Churchtown, Edward Davis.

Luzerne county. St. Stephen's church, Wilkes-Barre, William B. Scott.

Mifflin county. St. Mark's church, Lewistown, David W. Huling.

Montgomery county. St. James' church, Perkiomen township, Jesse Bean.

St. John's church, Norristown, James M. Pawling.

Christ church, Pottstown, Nathaniel P. Hobart.

Northampton county. Trinity church, Easton, Isaac C. Wickoff.

Philadelphia city and county. Christ church, Horace Binney, George Tryon, and James Y. Humphreys.

St. Peter's church, William Meredith, James S. Smith, and John Miller, Jr.

St. James' church, Thomas Hale, William Rawle, Jr. and James C. Biddle.

St. Paul's church, John Farr, J. D. George, and Richard Renshaw.

St. Stephen's church, Thomas I. Wharton and William Kirkham.

St. Andrew's church, Jacob Lex, Thomas Robins, and Cornelius Stevenson.

The Church of the Epiphany, Lewis R. Ashhurst and Caspar Morris.

St. John's church, Northern Liberties, Joseph S. Riley, James Vinyard, and William Litford.

Trinity church, Southwark, Richard Palmer, George P. Story, Clement S. Rutter.

St. Matthew's church, Francisville, John M'Claranan.

All Saint's church, Lower Dublin township, Samuel Cox.

Trinity church, Oxford township, Edmund Green.

St. Luke's church, Germantown, Benjamin Chew and E. Littell.

Grace church, Dr. William D. Brincklé, James Morrell, and Joseph Bispham.

St. David's church, Manayunk, Charles V. Hagner, Samuel Wagner, and Tobias Wagner.

St. Mary's church, Hamiltonville, William Adams and John C. Bryan.

York county. St. John the Baptist's church, Henry J. Hutchins.

Total, 69.

The following clergymen entitled to seats in the convention were *not present* at this convention.

The Rev. Wm. H. De Lancey, D. D. assistant minister of St. Peter's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev Samuel Marks, missionary at Carbondale and Dundaff, Susquehannah county.

The Rev. Francis Reno, Beaver, Beaver county.

The Rev. John Taylor. Pittsburg, Allegheny county.

The Rev. Bird Wilson, D. D., Professor of Systematic Divinity in the General Theological Seminary.

Total, 5.

The following lay deputies, entitled, by the certificates presented, to seats in the convention, did not answer to their names.

From St. Gabriel's church, Amity, Berks county, Thomas Jones.

St. John's church, New London, Chester county, Anthony Haupt, Frederick Grosscup, sen.

St. John's church, Pequea, Chester county, Thomas G. Henderson, Wm. Henderson.

St. Stephen's church, Harrisburg, Dauphin county, S. D. Patterson, Benjamin Park.

St. Luke's church, Pottsville, Schuylkill county, Thos. C. Williams, Wm. Hill.

St. James' church, Lancaster, Lancaster county, Alexander L. Hayes, George L. Mayer.

St. Stephen's church, Wilkes-Barré, Luzerne county, Wm. B. Norton, Ebenezer W. Sturdevant.

St. James' church, Perkiomen, Montgomery county, Wm. L. Evans.

St. John's church, Norristown, Montgomery county, John Freedley, Thomas M. Jolly.

Christ church, Pottstown, Montgomery county, Charles Clay.

Trinity church, Easton, Northampton county, William S. Coxe.

St. Stephen's church, Philadelphia, Chas. N. Bancker.

The church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia, Alexander Johnson.

St. Luke's church, Germantown, Philadelphia county, Wyndham H. Stokes.

St. Mary's church, Hamiltonville, Philadelphia county, Christian Wiltberger.

St. John the Baptist's church, York, York county, James Schall, Samuel Hayes. Total, 24.

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PHILADELPHIA, ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,

Tuesday, May 19th, 1835, 6 o'clock, P. M.

THIS being the day appointed for the meeting of the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, the Right Rev. William White, D. D. Bishop of the Diocese, and the Right Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk, D. D. Assistant Bishop of the Diocese, with several Clergymen and Lay Deputies, attended in St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia, at 6 o'clock, P. M.

The chair was taken by the Bishop, and the meeting proceeded to organize.

A list of the Clergy entitled to seats, was called over by the Secretary, and the following answered to their names and took their seats.

Rt. Rev. Wm. White, D. D.
Rt. Rev. H. U. Onderdonk, D. D.
Rev. James Abercrombie, D. D.
Wm. Cooper Mead, D. D.
George Upfold, D. D.
Samuel Bowman,
George Boyd,
William Bryant,
Edward Y. Buchanan,
Levi Bull,
John B. Clemson,
Chauncey Colton,
Thomas Crumpton,
George C. Drake,
Lyman N. Freeman,
Rev. William Hilton,
Cyrus H. Jacobs,
John W. James,
George Kirke,
Samuel T. Lord,
Samuel A. M'Coskry,
George Mintzer,
R. U. Morgan,
Henry J. Morton,
Robert Piggott,
Wm. H. Rees,
Joshua M. Rogers,
John Rodney, jr.
George Sheets,
Isaac Smith,
Nathan Stem,
James Wiltbank.

The following Lay Deputies presented certificates of their appointment, answered to their names, and took their seats:

William Adderly,
William Adams,
Horace Binney,
James C. Biddle,
Dr. Wm. D. Brincklé,
John C. Bryan,
Samuel Coxe,
James P. Dunn,
John Farr,
John D. George,
Thomas Hale,
James Y. Humphreys,
Nathaniel P. Hobart,
John Hunter,
Henry J. Hutchins,
Thomas Jeffries,
William Kirkham,
Jacob Lex,
George S. Leaf,
William Litford,
John M'Claranan,
William Meredith,
John Miller, jr.
David Morgan,
Dr. Caspar Morris,
James Morrell,
Isaac Norton,
Richard Palmer,
James M. Pauling,
William B. Potts,
Robert Ralston,
William Rawle, jr.
Richard Renshaw,
Joseph Riley,
Thomas Robinson,
Thomas Robins,
Samuel Shaeffer,
James S. Smith,
Levi B. Smith,
Jacob Stem,
Cornelius Stevenson,
George P. Story,
George Tryon,
Abner Ubil,
James Vinyard,
Thomas I. Wharton.

On motion, the Convention went into an election of a Secretary, when the Rev. William Cooper Mead, D. D., Rector of Trinity church, Southwark, Philadelphia, was unanimously elected.

On motion of the Secretary, the Rev. Samuel A. McCoskry, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia, was unanimously appointed assistant Secretary.

The standing rules of order were then read by the Secretary, from the revised regulations.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The business of every day shall be introduced with a form of prayer prescribed by the bishop.

2. When the president takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, unless to address the chair.

3. No member shall absent himself from the service of the house, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

4. When any member is about to speak in debate, or de-

liver any matter to the house, he shall rise from his seat, and without advancing, shall, with due respect, address himself to the president, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the house.

6. A question being once determined shall stand as the judgment of the house, and shall not be again drawn into debate, during the same session, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the house.

7. While the president is putting any question, no one shall hold private discourse, stand up, walk into, out of, or across the house, or read any book.

8. Every member who shall be in the house when any question is put, shall, on a division, be counted, unless he be particularly interested in the decision.

9. No motion shall be considered as before the house, unless it be seconded, and reduced to writing when required.

10. When any question is before the house, it shall be determined on before any thing new is introduced, except the question for adjournment.

11. The question on a motion for adjournment shall be taken before any other, and without debate.

12. When the house is to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the president leave the chair.

To which was added, on motion, the following:

13. The house shall hold two sessions every day: viz. from 9 o'clock, A. M. to 2 o'clock, P. M., and from 4½ o'clock, P. M. to 7 o'clock, P. M.; provided that the house will not meet on Wednesday morning until 10 o'clock.

On motion of Joseph S. Riley, the following rule was added.

14. If the yeas and nays be called on any question before the Convention, and sustained by ten members, they shall be taken, and recorded accordingly.

On motion of Dr. Mead,

Resolved, That such clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, belonging to this Diocese, not entitled to seats in this Convention, and such clergymen, not belonging to this Diocese, and such students in divinity in the Episcopal Church as may be now in the city, be admitted to the sittings of this Convention.

Whereupon the following gentlemen attended the sittings of the Convention.

Rev. Messrs. Alden, Allen, Brincklé, Cole, Clay, Douglass, Ducachet, Dupuy, Goodman, Hall, Hutchins, Jaquett, Ridge-

ly, Smith, Suddards, Thorne, Van Pelt, West, and Wilmer, of Pennsylvania.

Rev. Doctor Milnor, Messrs. Morris, Frazier, and Lockwood, of New York.

Rev. Mr. Adams, of Delaware.

Rev. Mr. Good, of Virginia.

Rev. Mr. Hanson, of Maryland.

Rev. Messrs. Starr, and Tanzer, of New Jersey, and

The Rev. R. A. Henderson, of Louisiana.

A list of the clergy absent from the last Convention, was called over, according to Canon XIV, Section 5.

On motion, *ordered*, that when this Convention adjourn, it adjourn to meet to-morrow to attend divine service in this church, at 10 o'clock, A. M. Adjourned.

Philadelphia, St. Andrew's Church,

Wednesday, May 20, 1835, 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention met and attended divine service.

Morning prayers were read by the Rev. Levi Bull, rector of St. Mary's church, East Nantmeal, Chester county; Bangor church, Lancaster county; and St. Thomas' church, Morgantown, Berks county; and a sermon delivered by the Rev. William Cooper Mead, D. D. rector of Trinity church, Southwark, Philadelphia; after which the communion was administered by Bishop White, assisted by Bishop H. U. Onderdonk, and the Rev. William Cooper Mead, D. D., Rev. Levi Bull and Rev. William Hilton.

The service being concluded, the Convention was called to order for business.

The roll was called.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

The following clergymen entitled to seats, and not present yesterday, appeared and took their seats:—

Rev. Messrs. Christian F. Crusé, James May, Stephen H. Tyng, D. D., and John Reynolds.

The following lay deputies, entitled to seats, not present yesterday, appeared and took their seats:

James Johnston, Jesse Bean, Lewis G. Bull, Isaac Smith, Charles M'Donald, Edward Green, Charles V. Hagner, Samuel Wagner, Tobias Wagner, Thomas B. Jacobs, David W. Huling.

On motion of the Secretary,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed on the Charters of churches applying for admission into this Convention. Whereupon the following persons were appointed:—Rev. George Upfold, D. D., Levi Bull, and George Boyd; and Messrs. Riley, Robinson, and James S. Smith.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed on unfinished business of the last Convention.—Committee, Rev. Messrs. James and Mintzer.

Horace Binney, Esq., from the committee appointed at the last Convention to take into consideration the IVth article of the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and report to this Convention whether any, and if any, what alterations might be made therein, presented the following report; which was, on motion of Joseph S. Riley, ordered to lie on the table.

REPORT.

The committee appointed at the last Convention, to take into consideration the IVth article of the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Pennsylvania, and report to the next stated convention whether any, and if any, what alteration ought to be made therein—Report:

That, agreeably to order, they have had the subject under consideration, and deem it inexpedient to recommend to this Convention any alteration of the fourth article of the Constitution.

By order of the committee.

HORACE BINNEY, Chairman.

The Right Rev. Bishop White delivered his annual address.

ADDRESS.

Brethren, the Clerical and the Lay Members of this Convention:

The account of my Episcopal agency, will at present be of less extent than on any former annual occasion, owing partly to my advance in years, partly to the efficiency of my Right Rev. brother, the Assistant Bishop; and in some measure to an external injury on my person; which, for a time, disqualified me even from my parochial duties.

On the 12th of July, I instituted the Reverend Samuel A. M'Coskry, as Rector of St. Paul's Church, in this city.

On the 23d of September, I preached at the consecration of Christ Church, in the borough of Princeton, New Jersey.

On the 21st of October, I displaced from the Ministry, John Davis, heretofore a Deacon of this Diocese.

On the 1st day of October, I consecrated the church of the Epiphany, in this city.

On the 11th day of December, I instituted the Rev. Henry W. Ducachet, M. D. as Rector of St. Stephen's church, in this city.

The number confirmed by me, is 43. They are in addition to those confirmed by the Assistant Bishop, which will be reported by him.

The state of our ecclesiastical institutions are to be adverted to, as usual.

The Executive Committee of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, continue to pursue their object with success. In particular, they are engaged in preparatory measures, for the sending of two missionaries to China, agreeably to the resolve of the meeting of the Directors in the last year.

The Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, has been gradually on the increase; which may be expected to be furthered by the munificent legacy of $5000, understood to be bequeathed by a lady of this city, Miss Mary Proal. It is to be hoped, that this acquisition will be an additional excitement to endeavours, causing that the doctrines and the worship of our Church shall be known to the population in every district of the state. The Female Association, auxiliary to this society, continues its important services in the distribution of Tracts.

The usefulness of the Sunday School Union, is more and more conspicuous; especially in the resistance of insidious endeavours for the withdrawing of our Sunday Schools from the superintendence of the Pastors of the several congregations in which they are instituted. It is difficult to perceive, on what ground such an invasion of the pastoral charge can be endured, under a due sense of responsibility.

The Prayer Book Society has had a success equal to that of our most sanguine expectations. Similar has been the usefulness of the Female Association, directed to the same object.

The increase of the Episcopal Fund, is far from being in proportion to the future interests of the diocese.

The contemplated alterations in the fundamental laws of the Corporation for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, have been prepared by its Committee, and will be submitted to the annual meeting, now near.

Besides other considerations, sustaining our interest in the Bible Society of Philadelphia, although not appropriate especially, to our Church, there is that of its supplying our Sun-

day Schools, and of our poor generally, with Bibles. This society continues to be extensively efficient.

The changes in the Ministry are as follows:

The Rev. Gregory T. Bedell has departed this life, possessed extensively of the esteem of the church, and especially of his congregation; whose affections he enjoyed in an extraordinary degree; owing to his devotion to their religious concerns, and to the conciliatory character of his manners. His place has remained vacant, from the difficulty of selecting a successor with the like talents and prospect of usefulness.

The Rev. Frederick W. Beasly, has become rector of All-Saints Church, near Holmesburg.

The Rev. Samuel C. Brinklé has resigned the rectorship of Grace Church in this city, and is occupied as an assistant in the Swedish churches of its vicinity. His former station is filled by Rev. Wm. Suddards, from the Diocese of Ohio.

The Rev. E. Y. Buchanan has become rector of St. John's, Pequea, and Christ's church, Leacock.

The Rev. Corry Chambers has resigned the rectorship of St. Mark's church, Lewistown.

The Rev. Jacob M. Douglass has resigned the rectorship of the African church of St. Thomas, Philadelphia, and his place is supplied by the Rev. Wm. Douglass, (a coloured man,) from Maryland.

The Rev. George E. Hare has resigned the rectorship of St. John's church, Carlisle, and is transferred to the Diocese of New Jersey. His place at Carlisle is supplied by the Rev. John R. Goodman, from North Carolina.

The Rev. Raymond A. Henderson has been transferred to Louisiana.

The Rev. Benjamin Hutchins is located in the rectorship of St. John's church, Yorktown.

The Rev. Samuel A. M'Coskry has been transferred from Christ church, Reading, to the rectorship of St. Paul's church, in this city, and his former station has been supplied by the Rev. Richard U. Morgan, from Pequea and Leacock.

The Rev. Richard Hall has been transferred to this Diocese from that of New York.

The Rev. Bryan B. Killikelly has been located in Kittaning and Butler.

The Rev. Thomas West, from the state of New York, has been settled at Honesdale.

The Rev. Willie Peck, from the same, has been settled at Montrose.

The Rev. Charles Williams, D. D. has removed to this diocese, with letters of dismission from that of New Jersey.

The Rev. John H. Marsden has received dismission from this Diocese to that of Maryland.

The Rev. George Cole has been transferred by Bishop Griswold, to this Diocese.

The number on the list of candidates for orders, is 31.

Your Bishop has no further information to lay before you. But it will be to the purpose of the duties coming before us, to repeat the assurance so often given, of his being ready to give his aid to the representative voice of the Diocese, in whatever it may propose for the increase of piety, and for the securing of the stability of the Church.

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The Right Rev. Bishop Onderdonk delivered his annual address.

ADDRESS.

Brethren, the Clerical and the Lay members of this Convention:

The recurrence of the annual assembling of this body, makes it again my duty, in conformity with the Second Section of the Fifty-first Canon, to lay before you an account of my proceedings since I last addressed you, and of the state of the diocese, so far as it has been under my direction or cognisance. The somewhat increasing infirmities of our venerable diocesan have devolved on me a few more duties than have hitherto fallen to my share. You will join with me however, in devout thankfulness, that his infirmities have not been so great as to prevent him from affording to the church an amount of active services much greater than could be expected at so advanced a period of life. Our father and patriarch is still with us, the ornament and the boast of our diocese, of our whole communion. We commend him to the continued care of our Divine Lord.

I find, from my Register, that I have *preached* on every Sunday and principal Holy day of the past year, besides on week days; except Christmas day, when, however, I administered the Holy Communion, and Ash-Wednesday. The detail is as follows:

In the churches in Philadelphia, I have preached 55 times. At Moyamensing school house, once. At the Orphan House,

twice. At the House of Refuge, once. At Germantown, once. And at Manayunk, once.

In May last, I preached at Concord; at Marcus Hook; and at Chester. In July, at Uniontown; at Connelsville, four times; at Brownsville, twice; at Pike Run; at Georgetown, twice; at St. Paul's, Beaver county; at Beaver; at Lawrenceville; at Pittsburgh, twice; at Alleghany; at Freeport; at Kittaning, twice; at Butler; at Harrisonville; at Mercer; at Meadsville, four times; at Rockville; at Waterford, twice; at Erie, three times; and, early in August, at Greensburgh, three times; which completed this western visitation. In September, I preached at Rockdale, twice; and at Chester. In October, at Reading. In the same month, at and near Wilkes-Barré, three times; at Springville, three times; at Pike, three times; at New Milford, twice; at Montrose, three times; at Dundaff; at Carbondale, twice; at Bethany; at Honesdale, twice; and at Easton, twice, on the 2d of November. In March, I preached at Chester, and Marcus Hook. Also, at Lancaster, twice; at Columbia, twice; at York; at Gettysburgh; at Christ church, Adams county; at Carlisle, three times; and at Harrisburgh. Also, at West Whiteland, and West Vincent. In April, at Concord, Rockdale, and Chester. In the present month, at Bristol. And last Sunday, I preached at Radnor church.

At the *Swedes' Church*, Kingsessing, I preached in August, and confirmed nine persons; also at the church Gloria Dei, where I confirmed seven persons. At the latter church I again preached in December.

Four Sundays I spent in the diocese of Delaware, and two in that of New York.

I have *baptised* nine children, the records of which are in my Register; besides other children and adults, the records being in the respective parish registers. As my Register of baptisms and marriages may not be regarded as precisely of the sort recognised in the fifty-first general and twelfth diocesan canons, I submit to your judgment whether it would not be proper to give it a canonical character, so far as concerns the diocese of Pennsylvania. The Holy Communion I have administered twenty-one times, including all occasions.

The ordinance of *confirmation* I have administered thirty-eight times, besides in the Swedes' churches, the number of persons confirmed being as follows:—at Concord, twenty-one; at Marcus Hook, twenty-one; at Chester, fifteen; at Connelsville, twenty-one; at Brownsville, thirteen; at Georgetown, eleven; at St. Paul's, Beaver county, one; at Lawrenceville, twelve; at Pittsburgh, twenty-seven; at Allegheny, eight; at

Freeport, eleven; at Kittaning, eleven; at Butler, three; at Meadville, twelve; at Waterford, five; at Erie, eight; at Greensburgh, seven; at Wilkes-Barré, seven; at Springville, two; at Pike, two; at Montrose, one; at Honesdale, eight; at Easton, twenty-three; at Moyamensing, two; at Chester, eight; at Marcus Hook, four; at Lancaster, sixteen; at York, twenty-three; at Carlisle, five; at Harrisburgh, five; at West Whiteland, twelve; at West Vincent, thirty; at Concord, eight; at the church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia, twenty-three; at St. John's, Philadelphia, twenty; at Trinity, Philadelphia, twenty-eight; at Christ church, Philadelphia, fifty; and at Radnor church, eighteen.

On the 11th of July, I *consecrated* Trinity church, Connelsville: it is a commodious and substantial edifice, and does credit to the exertions of our little flock of Episcopalians in that neighbourhood. On the 19th of July, I consecrated St. John's church, Lawrenceville, in the neighbourhood of Pittsburgh: the building is sufficently large for our brethren in the vicinity; it is of stone, neatly finished, and occupying a fine, lofty position: and besides the acknowledgments due to the zeal of the congregation, in its erection, that of one of our army officers, now removed to another station, is worthy of this particular notice. On the 11th of October, I assisted Bishop White, at the consecration of the church of the Epiphany, in this city; a spacious and elegant structure, in a growing and flourishing neighbourhood: the congregation, already large, is increasing. On the twenty-first of October, I consecrated St. Andrew's church, Springville; a substantial and very neat frame building, perhaps I may say a model for country churches: the zeal and exertions of some of the individuals concerned in erecting this house of worship were peculiarly commendable, and have attracted notice in some of our periodicals: it is proper that I direct your attention to one other circumstance relating to this parish: the parish in Springville, admitted formerly into union with this convention, is called St. Jude's church, this is named St. Andrew's; this latter congregation was formed on account of difficulties in the other, which impeded all progress, which had lasted some years, and which appeared irremediable; it was done with my approbation, as I saw no other way of saving the Episcopal interests in that neighbourhood from entire destruction; the erection and completion of the church, with some other favouring circumstances, have, I have reason to believe, had the happy effect of removing the difficulties adverted to; and I respectfully recommend that the new parish be received into union

with the convention, when it shall make the due application. On the 31st of October, I consecrated Grace church, Honesdale: it is a neat and commodious building, well adapted to our services, and creditable to the persevering zeal of our friends in that growing village. On the first of the present month, I consecrated St. David's church, Manayunk: it is a handsome Gothic edifice, of stone, occupying an elevated spot in that flourishing town, and reflecting much credit on the untiring exertions which have accomplished the good work.

St. Paul's church, Beaver county, has been *repaired*, the interior being well finished in a plain way: when I preached in it formerly, it was the mere shell of a frame building. St. Paul's church, Chester, is thoroughly re-modelled and repaired. St. Martin's, Marcus Hook, is undergoing repairs, and will be enlarged. St. James' church, Bristol, has been repaired.

A new church is *erecting* at Sunbury. Others, formerly reported, are in progress.

Since our last meeting, I have *ordained* four Priests, and one Deacon, in this diocese.

On Friday, May 23d, in St. Stephen's church, in this city, I admitted the Rev. John H. Marsden, and the Rev. George C. Drake, deacons, to the holy order of priests.

On Saturday, July 19th, in St. John's church, Lawrenceville, I admitted Mr. Bryan Bernard Killikelly to the holy order of deacons; and the Rev. Thomas Crumpton, deacon, to the holy order of priests.

On Friday, October 31st, in Grace church, Honesdale, I admitted the Rev. Thomas West, deacon, to the holy order of priests.

On the 5th of October, I *instituted* the Rev. Richard U. Morgan, as Rector of Christ church, Reading. On the 11th of December, I assisted Bishop White at the institution of the Rev. Henry W. Ducachet, as Rector of St. Stephen's church, in this city. And on the 22d of March, I instituted the Rev. Wm. Suddards, as Rector of Grace church, in this city.

I have accepted *letters of dismission* to this diocese, as follows:—in behalf of the Rev. Silas C. Freeman, from Bishop McIlvaine, acting for the diocese of Michigan; and of the Rev. Willie Peck, deacon, from the Bishop of the diocese of New York; also Mr. Killikelly, while a candidate, and Mr. Walter E. Franklin, a candidate, both from the latter bishop. Those of the Rev. Thomas West, and the Rev. Richard D. Hall, from the diocese of New York, have been accepted by Bishop White; also those of the Rev. John R. Goodman, from

the diocese of North Carolina; of the Rev. William Douglass, deacon, from that of Maryland; of the Rev. Charles Williams, D. D. from that of New Jersey; and of the Rev. George W. Cole, from the Eastern diocese.

Mr. William Gagan has withdrawn his name as a candidate for holy orders; also Mr. Charles Shaler. And that of Mr. Darius Williams is no longer on our list; it being understood that he has abandoned both the diocese and his candidateship. Certain of our candidates are again notified, that at the close of next October, the ninth section of the ninth canon of the General Convention will become applicable to their cases.

The Rev. John H. Marsden has applied for a letter of dismission to the diocese of Maryland, which I have given him.

One *death* has occurred in our clerical body; that of the Rev. Gregory T. Bedell, D. D. This Rev. brother, it is known to you all, was a most accomplished and acceptable preacher, a faithful and indefatigable pastor, and a sincere and pious christian. His fame was widely spread.

Mr. John Davis, late a deacon of this diocese, upon his renunciation of the ministry, was displaced therefrom by Bishop White, on the 22d of October last, in conformity with the provisions of the thirty-eighth canon.

The Rev. Dr. De Lancey, having to go abroad for the restoration of his health, has received leave of absence from the diocese, for six months from the time of his leaving the United States, and so much longer as he may be detained on his return home—in conformity with the fourth article of our diocesan constitution.

The Rev. Frederick W. Beasley has taken charge of All Saints' church, Lower Dublin, and Emanuel Chapel, Holmesburgh; these having been resigned by the Rev. Mr. Sheets, who retains Trinity church, Oxford. The Rev. Samuel C. Brincklé has resigned Grace church, Philadelphia, and become the assistant minister of the Swedes' churches; and the Rev. William Suddards is the Rector of Grace church, Philadelphia. The Rev. Edward Y. Buchanan, deacon, prevented by ill health from officiating since he resigned his charge at Meadville, has accepted the parishes of St. John's, Pequea, and Christ church, Leacock. The Rev. Corry Chambers has resigned St. Mark's, Lewistown, and Trinity church, Philipsburgh, and is officiating in Sussex county, Delaware. The Rev. William Douglass, deacon, (a coloured man,) has taken charge of St. Thomas' (African) church, in this city. The Rev. Henry W. Ducachet has become the Rector of St. Ste-

phen's church, Philadelphia. The Rev. Thomas Crumpton has resigned St. John's, Lawrenceville, and accepted the Rectorship of Christ church, Meadville. The Rev. John R. Goodman is the Rector of St. John's church, Carlisle, vacant by the resignation of the Rev. George E. Hare, who has removed, with a letter of dismission, to the diocese of New Jersey. The Rev. Raymond A. Henderson has removed to the diocese of Louisiana. The Rev. Samuel A. McCoskry has resigned Christ church, Reading, and is the Rector of St. Paul's, Philadelphia; and the Rectorship of Christ church, Reading, has been accepted by the Rev. Richard U. Morgan, who before was Rector of the two parishes in the Pequea valley. The Rev. Benjamin Hutchins has taken charge of St. John's church, York. The other clerical changes will appear in the list of the Missionaries.

On the evening of the Epiphany, I attended, in St. Paul's church, the anniversary of our Society for the advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania. This society continues and extends its useful exertions in diffusing a knowledge of the gospel, as connected with a pure worship and the apostolic ministry. Its efforts are to the full extent of its means. But, unfortunately, its means are not commensurate with either the importance of its object, or the opportunities of furthering it. Allow me, therefore, again to commend the institution to the zealous and cordial patronage of our Episcopal community. If, besides the usual collections for it, each individual who wishes well to its holy cause would transmit such further contribution, for current uses, as he can make, without waiting for others to take the lead, its treasury would doubtless be in a condition to fulfil more largely its beneficial purposes.

In the employ of this society, there are now nineteen missionaries, and a twentieth was employed during part of the year, the Rev. Silas C. Freeman, who resigned his mission some months ago. The names and stations of those at present in its service, are as follows:—

1. The Rev. William Bryant, at Moyamensing, Philadelphia county.

2. The Rev. George W. Cole, deacon, at West Chester and Downington, Chester county.

3. The Rev. Christian F. Crusé, lately at Manayunk, Philadelphia county, now officiating in St. Thomas' church, Whitemarsh, Montgomery county.

4. The Rev. James De Pui, at Pottsville and other places, in Schuylkill county.

5. The Rev. Geo. C. Drake, minister of St. Paul's, Blooms-

burgh, and missionary at Jerseytown and Sugarloaf, Columbia county.

6. The Rev. Lyman N. Freeman, at Brownsville, Fayette county, and Pike Run, Washington county.

7. The Rev. Bennet Glover, at Erie and Waterford, Erie county.

8. The Rev. William Hilton, at Allegheny and Lawrenceville, Allegheny county.

9. The Rev. Bryan B. Killikelly, deacon, at Kittaning and Freeport, Armstrong county, and Butler, Butler county.

10. The Rev. George Kirke, at New London ⋈ Roads and West Marlborough, Chester county.

11. The Rev. Samuel T. Lord, deacon, at Towanda, Athens, Troy, and Pike, Bradford county.

12. The Rev. Samuel Marks, at Carbondale, Luzerne county, and Dundaff, Susquehannah county.

13. The Rev. George Mintzer, at Douglassville, (Morlattin,) and Robeson, Berks county, and Pottstown, Montgomery county.

14. The Rev. Willie Peck, deacon, at Montrose, Springville, and New Milford, Susquehannah county.

15. The Rev. Robert Piggott, at Hamiltonville, Philadelphia county.

16. The Rev. Joshua M. Rogers, at Easton, Northampton county.

17. The Rev. Isaac Smith, at Muncy, Hughesburgh, and Milton, Lycoming county, and Sunbury, Northumberland county.

18. The Rev. Nathan Stem, Rector of St. Stephen's, Harrisburgh, and missionary at Thompsontown, Juniata county.

19. The Rev. Thomas West, at Honesdale, and Bethany, Wayne county.

Under the Education Committee of this Society, five beneficiaries are prosecuting their theological studies; three of them in the General Seminary of our church.

In all my journies, the most acceptable and cordial hospitalities have been afforded, of which I have pleasure in making this grateful acknowledgment.

In June last, I attended the meeting of the Trustees of our General Theological Seminary; at which time it was determined to erect another building, like the present one. And on the first of April I attended a special meeting of the same Board, when a further appropriation of money was made for that object. This additional edifice has become absolutely necessary, in consequence of the increased and increasing num-

ber of the students, many of whom have been lodged in private houses in the neighbourhood, the past year, at the cost of the institution. The present number of students is about eighty; fourteen of them from this diocese. The expenditures of the Seminary still exceed its income; and I therefore recommend to our congregations and benevolent brethren, that contributions be made to its income, till the expected endowments become payable.

I attended also, in June, the meeting of our General Sunday School Union, which continues its beneficial operations; as does likewise our Diocesan Sunday School Society, auxiliary to it. The Bishop White Prayer Book Society has circulated a good number of copies of the Liturgy, and is about making a further effort to procure the means of increasing usefulness. The more widely this volume is spread, whether as a manual aiding and directing us in our devotions, or as a tract diffusing through the christian public a knowledge of our principles, the greater will be the advantage conferred on our church, and, I trust, on the whole religious community.

Brethren: Our church at large is flourishing; and the portion of it comprised in this diocese is on the increase. Much however remains to be done by us: and I hope that it *will* be done; for we certainly have greater resources than we have yet brought into action, and more opportunities than we have yet improved. Our missionary field should be enlarged; and to this end, there should be larger contributions to our Society for Advancement. Some also, of our missionary stations ought, before now, to have become independent of the aid of that Society: let me urge on these parishes the obvious propriety of making a special effort to free themselves from this reliance on help from without; assistance at the first is often necessary, but to retain it a longer period than is absolutely required, tends to palsy the exertions and deaden the zeal of a congregation: they know not what they *can* do, till they make the attempt, and that earnestly and with good courage, confiding in the blessing of Him who makes "the people willing." Let me further suggest, that when a congregation is about to be formed, it will be a great advantage to sustain it from the outset if possible, by its own resources, and so avoid altogether the condition of dependence, and escape the risk of a want or a loss of energy. These practical suggestions will, I trust, commend themselves to the approbation of us all, and especially of those who are more nearly concerned in them. If carried into effect, our Society will be enabled to do more with its means, whether less or greater; and the congregations

formed, and to be formed, will acquire more effectiveness and stability.

Besides the external prosperity to which I have adverted, our diocese improves also, I trust, in that to which this prosperity does but minister. The effectiveness of religious principle on the heart "can never," says one of our canons, "be brought to the test of any outward standard:" it cannot be "tested" by men. Yet there may be rational grounds of hope, that its sacred influence is neither unfelt nor inoperative.—Grounds of confidence of this kind, are, I think, sufficiently visible, in the portion of the church within our cognisance. And it is an encouragement to more earnest and unwearied prayer, that we may continue to "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

H. U. ONDERDONK.

Philadelphia, May 19th, 1835.

Adjourned.

PHILADELPHIA, ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,

Wednesday, May 20, 1835, 4½ o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion, the calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

The following lay deputies presented certificates of their appointment and took their seats: Edward Davis, William B. Scott, Hamilton Aldricks, William B. Norton, Dr. John P. Heister, Clement S. Rutter.

The proposed charter of Calvary Church, Rockdale, Delaware county, was presented to the Convention; and, on motion, referred to the committee on charters.

Mr. Riley, from the committee appointed to consider the IVth article of the constitution, presented the following report from the minority of that committee, which was

On motion of Mr. Huling, ordered to lie on the table.

REPORT.

The minority of the committee appointed at the last Annual Convention, to take into consideration the fourth article of the Constitution of the "Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Pennsylvania," and report at the present convention whether any, and, if any, what alteration ought to be made therein, report:—

That it is expedient to make the following alterations therein, viz:

First. Strike out all between the word "order," in the 4th line, and the word "shall," in the 10th line.

Second. Strike out all between the word "Convention," in the 14th line, and the word "provided," in the 15th line.

Third. Strike out all after the word "residence," in the 22d line, to the end of that proviso.

Fourth. Strike out all between the word "been," in the 9th line, page 9, and the word "calendar," in the 10th line same page; and insert in lieu thereof, the words "a professing Episcopalian, a regular worshipper in, and a supporter of the church he represents, for twelve."

Fifth. Strike out lines 16, 17 and 18, of page 9.

LEVI BULL,
JOSEPH S. RILEY.

Philadelphia, May 20, 1835.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Upfold,

Resolved, That the two reports on the fourth article of the constitution, be the order of the day to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

Adjourned.

PHILADELPHIA, ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,
Thursday, May 21, 1835, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayers were read by the Rev. Joshua M. Rogers, Rector of Trinity Church, Easton, Northampton county.

The roll was called.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

The proposed charter of St. Andrew's Church, Yardlyville, and St. Luke's Church, Newtown, Bucks county, were presented and referred to the committee on charters.

Rev. Mr. Sheets moved that a committee be appointed to consider the right of the Rev. Simon Wilmer, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Philadelphia county, to a seat in this convention—which motion was adopted, and the Rev. Messrs. Sheets, James, and Tyng, and Messrs. James C. Biddle and Robinson, were appointed said committee.

Mr. Meredith, from the committee appointed at the last convention on arrearages, made the following:—

REPORT.

The committee appointed by the convention of 1834, to take the place and prosecute the objects of a former committee, regarding arrearages due to the convention funds, respectfully report:—

That in compliance with the duties assigned to them, they

renewed the application which had been made by the former committee, to all the churches in arrears—earnestly requesting their attention to the matter, for the considerations particularly stated, and accompanied by the account of each church addressed, with the fund. No pains were spared to secure a safe conveyance to the circular of the committee, a copy of which is presented herewith.

Replies have been received from the following churches:
St. Stephens' Church, Thompson-town.
St. Thomas' Church, Whitemarsh.
St. John's Church, Concord.
Trinity Church, Meadville.
St. Paul's Church, Kittaning, Armstrong county.
St. Paul's Church, Chester, Delaware county.
St. Martin's Church, Marcus-hook, Delaware County.
St. Peter's Church, Washington county.
St. Peter's Church, Waterford, Erie county.
Christ Church, Greensburgh.
Trinity Church, Philipsburg, Centre county.
St. James's Church, Muncey, Lycoming.
St. David's Church, Manayunk.
St. Mary's Church, Hamiltonville.
Christ Church, Leacock.

In all these cases, considering the circumstances represented, the committee have conceived that they have acted up to the liberal spirit heretofore manifested, and so long continued, with the hope of better things, by remitting arrears, *always*, however, with the assurance of future punctuality.

The arrears of St. John's Church, Pequea, $45 have been remitted on payment of the balance.

St. John's Church, Norristown, has paid up the whole of its arrears.

Trinity Church, at Easton, having made a considerable payment on account, through their Rector, the Rev. Joshua M. Rogers, together with the contribution for the current year; adding this to former proofs of a hearty good will in the cause, —the small balance of arrears has been remitted to that church.

If any thing has been received from other churches named in the list of delinquencies, it will appear in the treasurer's statement. Of these, there are however several which, from information received, the committee are led to believe are extinct. If it be so, the error ought to be corrected—its ex-

istence being inconsistent with the present state of the church, and leading to false estimates and calculations.

All which is respectfully submitted.

W. MEREDITH,
THOMAS ROBINS,
WM. KIRKHAM.

May, 1835.

On motion of Mr. Meredith,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire, and as far as possible ascertain, whether the table of the churches and congregations, appended to the journals of the Convention, fails in correctness; and in such case, what are the errors therein, and to report the facts to the next Convention. The Right Rev. Bishops White and Onderdonk, and Rev. Dr. Upfold, with Messrs. Meredith and Huling, were appointed the committee.

Rev. Mr. Sheets, from the committee to whom was referred the right of the Rev. Mr. Wilmer to a seat in this Convention, made the following

REPORT.

The committee appointed to consider the claim of the Rev. Simon Wilmer to a seat in the convention, unanimously report that they consider the said Rev. Simon Wilmer is not entitled to a seat in this convention.

G. SHEETS,
J. W. JAMES,
S. H. TYNG,
J. C. BIDDLE,
THOS. ROBINSON.

Dr. Mead, secretary of the standing committee, laid on the table the minutes of the said committee, and also the accounts of the treasurers of the Convention and of the Episcopal fund.

The order of the day, viz: (the two reports on the fourth article of the Constitution,) was taken up, when Mr. Riley moved, that this Convention do approve of the amendments of the fourth article of the Constitution, and do order that they lie over for final approbation and adoption, to the next ensuing Convention.

On motion of Dr. Tyng,

Resolved, That when the question is taken, it be taken separately on the amendments referring to the qualifications of the clergy, and on those referring to the laity, to entitle them to seats in the Convention.

Adjourned.

PHILADELPHIA, ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,

Thursday, May 21st, 1835, 4½ o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion, the calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The Convention proceeded to the consideration of the proposed amendments of the IVth article of the Constitution.

When, on motion, the order of the day was suspended, for the purpose of considering the right of the Rev. Frederick W. Beasley, rector of All Saints' church, Lower Dublin, Philadelphia county, to a seat in this Convention.

On motion, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the Rev. Frederick W. Beasley is entitled to a seat in this Convention.

Whereupon, his name being called, he appeared and took his seat.

The order of the day was taken up.

The question on the amendments referring to the clergy being taken by orders and churches, and the yeas and nays called, it was decided as follows.

CLERGY.

Yeas—Rev. Messrs. Bull, Davis, De Pui, Drake, Jacobs, May, Mintzer, Piggott, Reynolds, Tyng—10.

Nays—Right Rev. Bishops White and Onderdonk, Rev. Messrs. Abercrombie, Beasley, Bowman, Boyd, Bryant, Buchanan, Crumpton, Freeman, Hilton, James, Lord, M'Coskry, Mead, Morgan, Morton, Rees, Rogers, Rodney, Sheets, Smith, Stem, Upfold, Wiltbank—25.

LAITY.

Yeas—Messrs. George L. Leaf, Levi B. Smith, David Morgan, Robert Wright, Robert Ralston, William B. Potts, Thomas Robinson, Isaac Norton, J. D. George, Jacob Lex, Thomas Robins, Cornelius Stevenson, Lewis R. Ashhurst, Caspar Morris, Joseph S. Riley, James Vinyard, John M'Claranan, Henry J. Hutchins—18.

Nays—Messrs. William Adderly, Dr. John P. Hiester, Chas. M'Donald, Jacob Stem, Samuel Shaeffer, Abner Ubil, Hamilton Aldricks, Isaac Smith, John Hunter, David W. Huling, Jesse Bean, Nathaniel P. Hobart, Horace Binney, George Tryon, William Meredith, James S. Smith, John Miller, jr. Thomas Hale, James C. Biddle, Richard Renshaw, Thomas I. Wharton, William Kirkham, William Letford, Richard Palmer, George P. Story, Samuel Cox, Edmund Green, Benjamin Chew, Eliakim Littell, Dr. W. D. Brincklé, James Morrell, Joseph Bispham, Charles V. Hagner, Tobias Wagner—34.

From which vote it appeared that the churches by their laity stood thus:

CHURCHES.

Yeas—St. Gabriel's church, Berks county; St. Thomas' church, Berks county; St. James the Greater's church, Bristol, Bucks county; St. Andrew's church, West Vincent, Chester county; St. Luke's church, Pottsville, Schuylkill county; St. Martin's church, Marcus Hook, Delaware county; St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia; Church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia; St. John's church, N. L., Philadelphia; St. Matthew's church, Philadelphia county; St. John the Baptist's church, York, York county—11.

Nays.—Trinity Church, Pittsburg; Christ Church, Reading; St. John's Church, New London, Chester county; St. Mary's Church, East Nantmeal, Chester county; St. John's Church, Pequea, Chester county; St. Stephen's Church, Harrisburg; St. John's Church, Concord, Delaware county; St. Mark's Church, Lewistown; St. James's Church, Perkiomen, Montgomery county; Christ Church, Pottstown; Christ Church, Philadelphia; St. Peter's Church, do,; St. James's Church, do.; St. Stephen's Church, do.; Trinity Church, do.; All Saints Church, Lower Dublin, Philadelphia county; Trinity Church, Oxford, do.; St. Luke's Church, Germantown, do.; Grace Church, Philadelphia; St. David's Church Manayunk, Philadelphia county—20.

Churches divided—St. David's Church, Newtown township, Delaware county; St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia—2.

So the question on the first division of the proposed amendments to the fourth article of the constitution, was decided in the negative.

The adoption of the second division of the proposed amendments, was then moved—the yeas and nays not being called for, the question was put and decided in the negative.

The committee on charters, presented the following report, which was adopted.

REPORT.

The committee appointed to examine the proposed charters of new churches applying for admisssion into union with the P. E. Church of this Diocese, respectfully report:—

That they have examined the proposed charters submitted to them, and find that those of St. Andrew's church, Yardleyville, and St. Luke's Church, Newtown, Bucks county, and of Calvary church, Rockdale, Delaware county, have been submitted to the Bishop and Standing Committee, and approved by them, and that they do expressly accede to the constitution, canons, doctrines, discipline, and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and to the constitution and canons of this diocese.

The committee therefore offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That St. Andrew's church, Yardleyville, St. Luke's church, Newtown, Bucks county, and Calvary church, Rockdale, Delaware county, be and they are hereby admitted into union with the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese.

GEORGE UPFOLD,
Chairman of the Committee.

The following preamble and resolution was offered by the Rev. Dr. Tyng, and seconded by the Right Rev. Bishop Onderdonk.

Whereas the Divine Providence of Almighty God, has since the adjournment of the last convention, removed from the scene of his earthly labours, the Rev. Gregory T. Bedell, D. D., Rector of St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia; for eleven years a useful member of this Convention, and a highly distinguished clergyman of this church, therefore—

Resolved, That this Convention record their high sense of the personal and ministerial character of the Rev. Dr. Bedell, and their sense of thankfulness for the usefulness and success of his labors as a minister of Christ.

On motion of James S. Smith, Esq., it was—

Resolved, That it be enjoined on every settled clergyman within the diocese, to have a collection made in his church in each year, in aid of the Convention Fund; at which time a statement shall be made, explaining the objects to which the fund is applied. That the names of the clergy be called over at each Convention, for the purpose of ascertaining whether such collections have been made in their respective churches—and that mileage be not allowed to any clergyman attending the Convention, unless a collection for the said purpose has been made in his church since the preceding Convention.

Resolved, That the money so collected shall be applied to the payment of expenses incurred or authorized by the Convention.

Resolved, That the fourth revised regulation adopted in 1829, entitled "of the contributions for defraying the expences incurred or authorized by the Convention," be rescinded.

On motion of Dr. Mead,

Resolved, That $200 be appropriated towards defraying the expenses of the clergy in attending this Convention; and that Messrs. Wagner, Meredith and Smith, be a committee to carry said resolution into effect.

On motion,

Resolved, That owing to the exhausted state of the Convention Fund, the churches in the city and vicinity of Phi-

ladelphia, be requested to have collections made, in order that the deficiency occasioned by the above appropriation, and other expenses of the Convention be made up—referred to the same committee with the secretary.

On motion of Mr. Riley,

Resolved, That the same committee be instructed to report at the next Convention, the most equitable mode of defraying the expenses of the clergy incurred in attending Convention.

On motion of Dr. Mead,

Resolved, That until the next stated Convention, the actual expenses of the Assistant Bishop, upon his Episcopal visitations, be paid out of the Convention Fund: provided, that the amount so paid do not exceed the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Boyd,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed, whose duty it shall be to provide accommodations, if practicable, for the clerical and lay deputies of the next Diocesan Convention.

Committee: Rev. Messrs. Boyd, M'Coskry, and Dr. W. D. Brincklé.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Upfold,

Resolved, That a printed circular be sent to each of the vestries of churches in this diocese, containing a certified copy of the preamble and resolution passed at the last Convention, on the subject of glebes and parsonage houses.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Upfold,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare a report of the state of the church in this diocese, according to the requisition of canon XVII.

Committee: Rev. Messrs. Mead, James, Rodney, and Messrs. J. S. Smith and R. Renshaw.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention proceed to the election of officers for the ensuing year, and to nominate twelve persons as trustees for this diocese, of the General Theological Seminary for the next three years.

The Rev. Messrs. James and Crumpton on the part of the clergy, and Messrs. Biddle and Renshaw on the part of the laity were appointed tellers.

The tellers reported the result of the election to be as follows:

Standing Committee.

CLERGY.	LAITY.
Rev. Jas. Abercrombie, D. D.	Charles Wheeler, Esq.
Wm. Cooper Mead, D. D.	James S. Smith, Esq.
George Sheets,	Tobias Wagner, Esq.
George Boyd,	John Andrews, Esq.
John W. James,	John Read, Esq.

Deputies to the General Convention.

CLERGY.	LAITY.
Rev. Wm. Cooper Mead, D.D.	William Meredith, Esq.
George Upfold, D. D.	Horace Binney, Esq.
Samuel Bowman,	Edward J. Stiles, Esq.
Levi Bull,	Hon. David Scott.

Committee on supply of vacant Congregations.

CLERGY.	LAITY.
Rev. John Rodney, jr.	Samuel Hazlehurst, Esq.
Samuel A. M'Coskry,	Lewis R. Ashhurst, Esq.
Henry J. Morton,	Dr. W. D. Brincklé.

Treasurer of the Convention—Tobias Wagner, Esq.

Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund—James S. Smith, Esq.

The following persons were nominated as Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.

CLERGY.	LAITY.
Rev. William H. De Lancey, D. D.	Hon. David Scott,
Wm. Cooper Mead, D.D.	John Read, Esq.
George Upfold, D, D.	William Meredith, Esq.
John Rodney, jr.	Hon. John Reed,
John W. James,	James S. Smith, Esq.
George Boyd,	
Henry W. Ducachet, M. D.	

Rev. Mr. James, from the committee appointed on unfinished business, reported that all the unfinished business appearing on the journal of the last Convention, had been taken up and disposed of at this Convention.

The parochial reports, which, on motion, were read at different periods during the sittings of the Convention, are here inserted.

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PAROCHIAL REPORTS,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1st, 1835.

Report of the Rev. F. W. Beasley, Rector of All Saints' church, Philadelphia county.

Baptisms, adults, 2; infants, 12; total 14—Communicants, added, 8—Marriages, 4. Collections, Episcopal Fund, $9,12½; Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $15; total, $24, 12½.

The Rector entered upon his duties in All Saints' parish, formerly connected with Oxford church, and under the charge of the Rev. Mr. Sheets, in the beginning of last August. Since

that time the regular arrangement for the celebration of divine service on Sunday, has been, that he should officiate in the church in the morning, and in the chapel at Holmesburgh, belonging to the All Saints' congregation, in the afternoon. The Rector has preached one evening in each week, with but few intermissions, for a considerable length of time, some miles above his residence, where two school houses supply rooms suitable for such a purpose.

There is a Sunday School connected with the chapel, and efforts have been made to form one for All Saints' church. Of the 8 communicants, reported above, one received the Lord's Supper for the first time upon his dying bed, and has since expired.

The children have been examined a number of times in their Catechism in the chapel, on Sunday afternoon.

In addition to the collections mentioned above, one was taken up in the chapel in aid of the missionary cause, and one also in behalf of the Seminary at New York, the result of which was $10.

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Report of the Rev. S. Bowman, Rector of St. James' church, Lancaster, Lancaster county.

Baptisms, infants, 19—Communicants, added, 4; died or removed, 4; present number, 68—Public services, on Sundays, 104; other days 40; total, 144—Confirmed, 16—Marriages, 7—Burials, 11—Children catechized, 80; times, 12—Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 12; pupils, 55: female, 1; teachers, 12; pupils, 69; total, schools, 2; teachers, 24; pupils, 124—Collections, Episcopal Fund, $30; Soc. Adv. of Christianity, $20; missionary and others purposes, $310; total, $360.

Of the contributions for "missionary and other purposes," $96 were from the "Female Auxiliary Missionary Society of St. James' Church," and $4 from the children belonging to the female department of the Sunday school.

There is no Bible class separate from the Sunday school; the study of the Bible, however, is one of the regular exercises of the older pupils, during nine months of the year, the remaining three months being devoted to the Catechism of the church. In both the Bible and the Catechism, the children are regularly examined.

During the past year, the Church yard has been inclosed with a substantial brick wall, at an expense of about $700.

Report of the Rev. George Boyd, Rector of St. John's church, Northern Liberties, Philadelphia.

In this parish, the state of religion is far from being what the divine head of the church would have it to be, yet it is confidently hoped that there is a goodly number of those who conform to all the ordinances, who are seeking after a greater conformity to Christ, and whose desire it is to glorify him in their lives. The history of this church corresponds with all past experience—the humblest and most devoted are found among the poor, while just in proportion as God has permitted his people to set their affections upon things below, and prospered them in their temporal affairs, in the same proportion have they seemed to forget the God of all their mercies. Estimating the state of religion in this church by a general regularity of deportment, and consistent walk before men, the Rector knows of little cause of complaint; but when weighed in the balances of the sanctuary, by the word and the example of Jesus Christ, by the self-denial, and devotion, and submission to the cross for which he calls, and without which all religion is vain, he ought not to conceal from the Bishop that he has many fears, and much sorrow of heart.

The present number of communicants is 232; one has withdrawn himself from the communion of the church, upon being admonished, and several others have removed from the parish, or been transferred to other churches. Of the number of communicants 43 are males, 106 married females, and 126 unmarried females. There have been baptised, 3 adults and 50 infants; and 20 have been confirmed by the Right Rev. Bishop Onderdonk.

The Contribution Society has collected during the last year $324 40, to be appropriated towards the payment of the debts due upon the church—of this sum there are $97 91 a balance on hand. Collections have been taken, for the Colonization Society $14,48; for the church at Tecumseh, Michigan, $13,35; for the Sunday schools attached to the church $14,14; for the Episcopal fund $13,04; for the Society for the Advancement of Christianity $11,58.

The Female Missionary Society has continued its labours with becoming perseverance, but without any great increase of funds. It has paid during the last winter $100 to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, and $50 to the Society for the Advancement of Christianity.

The Sunday schools do not materially differ from the state in which they were last year, except that there has been a

very perceptible improvement in the boys school, and the teachers all have been more attentive to their important duties.

The collections on the first Sunday of every month, and on every occasion when the Lord's Supper is administered, and which are applied to the relief of the poor have amounted to the sum of $106,95. The whole amount of the collections and contributions over and above the regular rents, has been $647,95.

During the winter season, with a part of the autumn and spring, the regular services have been two on the Lord's day, and a bible class exercise in the evening,—the class has consisted of about 80, chiefly females; a lecture on Wednesday evening; and a meeting for social prayer and exhortation on Friday evening.

The Rector cannot close this report without acknowledging the past, continued, and uninterrupted kindness and affection of the people of his charge. His only complaint concerning them and himself is that we do not love the Lord enough, are not sufficiently sensible of his mercy, or devoted as we should be to his service and glory.

All which is respectfully submitted.

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Report of the Rev. E. Y. Buchanan, Rector of St. John's Church, Pequea, Chester county, and Christ church, Leacock, Lancaster county.

Baptisms, infants 2. Congregation, families 46. Communicants, died or removed 1; present number 43. Public services, on Sundays 7; other days 2; total 9. Burials 2. Sunday schools 1; teachers 18; pupils 80.

It was but about the middle of March that I took charge of this church, and of Christ church, Leacock, Lancaster county. I have officiated in the latter church twice. Congregation, families 40; communicants 31. The congregations of both churches seem to be in a flourishing way.

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Report of the Rev. Levi Bull, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Chester county; Bangor Church, Churchtown, Lancaster county; and St. Thomas's Church, Morgantown, Berks county.

St. Mary's Church, Chester county.

There have been 2 baptisms, 1 adult, and 1 infant. There have been 3 marriages. Communicants, 121. There are 3 Sunday schools, chiefly conducted by the members of this church. Teachers about 30, and generally in attendance about 100 pupils. Funerals not ascertained.

Bangor Church, Lancaster county.

Baptisms 4; marriage 1; communicants 46; funerals unknown. A Sunday school, conducted chiefly by the members of this church; teachers about 15; pupils generally in attendance, about 50.

St. Thomas' Church, Berks county.

Baptisms, infants 9; 1 adult. Communicants 44. Funerals unknown.

Collections have been made for the Episcopal fund, and for the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

Report of the Rev. John B. Clemson, Rector of the Churches of St. Paul's, Chester, St. Martin's, Marcus Hook, and St. John's, Concord, Delaware county.

The rector of these churches, in presenting another annual report, is constrained to repeat his expressions of gratitude to the great Head of the Church, for the continuance, through another year, of His blessings to this part of His heritage. The congregations have been undergoing a gradual enlargement,and of that kind which promises permanency; and besides an increase in the number of families and attendants, there have been additions made to the band of the faithful.

The churches of Chester and Marcus Hook are at this time undergoing extensive alterations and repairs; both of these are to be rendered more commodious, as also attractive. The former has approached near to completion.

Sunday schools are still connected with these two last named congregations, and are favoured with their usual prosperity. A report from each has been forwarded to the Diocesan Episcopal Union Society. Thus far, they have proved a rich benefit to many who have attended them, and have been partially instrumental in adding to the communion, several of promising piety. The Sunday School Liturgy, or Office of Devotion, is the guide of the devotional exercises.

The Rev. Mr. Hirst has been officiating for some weeks as the assistant minister of the church at Concord, and has likewise been holding service, on alternate Sundays, at Rockdale. Rockdale is within the limits of these parishes. I have pleasure in stating, that on the 14th inst. a congregation was organized in this flourishing manufacturing village, under the name of "Calvary church." This has taken place through the zeal and energy of Mr. Richard S. Smith, and now gives us

five churches within Delaware county. It is proper to mention that, in connection with this new congregation, there was last season, and is now in existence, a flourishing Sunday school, under the direction of this gentleman and his family.

The Right Rev. Assistant Bishop has been pleased to favour these congregations with two visits to each since the last convention; at every time he has been permitted to hold a confirmation, and witness their growing interest.

The usual collections have been taken up.

St. Paul's Church, Chester.

Collection for Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $2 50; Episcopal Fund, $1 25; Episcopal Sunday School Union, $7 55. Marriages, 21. Baptisms, adults 6; infants 11. Burials, 9. Communicants, added 9; removed 2, whole number, 31. Confirmed, 23.

St. Martin's Church, Marcus Hook.

Collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $4 77; Episcopal Fund, $2 51. Marriages, 1. Baptisms, adults 4; children 6. Burials, 4. Communicants, added 4; suspended 1; removed 1; whole number 51. Confirmed, 25.

St. John's Church, Concord.

Collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $1 57; Episcopal Fund, $3 11. Marriages, 1. Baptisms, adults 4; children 9. Burials, 5. Communicants, added 13; died 2; removed 2; whole number, 46. Confirmed, 29.

Whole number confirmed, 77. Whole number of communicants, 128. Marriages, 23. Baptisms, adults 14; children, 26.

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Report of the Rev. Thomas Crumpton, Rector of Christ Church, Meadville, Crawford county.

Baptisms, infants 3. Congregation, families, 40; adults, 99; children, 70; total, 169. Communicants, added 8; died or removed, 7; present number, 59. Public services, on Sundays, 63; other days, 30; total, 93. Confirmed, 12. Marriage, 1. Burials, 8. Sunday schools, 1; male teachers, 9; male pupils, 40; female teachers, 13; female pupils, 56. Total, school, 1; teachers, 20; pupils, 96. Collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $30; Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, $22 50.

The above report is for the time from the 25th of July, 1834, when I commenced my duties as rector of this parish,

to May 1st, 1835, and relates only to Christ church. Besides what is therein included, I have baptized one infant in the country, once administered the communion at Butler, and preached in different places sixteen times. Ten persons occasionally commune in Christ church, who reside at too great a distance to admit of their being regular members of the congregation; they are not included in the above.

Exclusive of the collections above reported, the Parish Association has appropriated about $50 to the payment of old debts against the Sunday school, and there is still a balance in the hands of the treasurer.

Report of the Rev. C. F. Crusé, late minister of St. David's Church, Manayunk, Missionary.

Baptisms, infants 6. Communicants, added, 2; removed, 2; present number, 15. Public services, on Sundays, 70; other days, 4; total, 74. Marriages, 1. Burials, 9. Sunday schools, male, 1; female, 1; total, 2.

The number of families attending the services has varied, in consequence of removals from and to the village. The Sunday school has experienced a similar variation. During the greater part of the past year, the school was, both in numbers and improvement, highly flourishing, the number indicated by the roll rising beyond 60 and 70. The school was frequently visited by the officiating clergyman, by whom the pupils were also frequently addressed, and examined on the cathechism. The exercises of the school were sometimes varied by a familiar lecture. A donation of thirty prayer books, received from the Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society of Philadelphia, was distributed on one of these occasions, and, it is believed, was attended with a happy effect.

The building erected for public worship has been finished, and recently consecrated by the Right Rev. Assistant Bishop of this diocese. This desired event, which has been effected chiefly through the disinterested liberality of gentlemen in the vestry, it is hoped, will be among the means to awaken new energies in this infant church.

The consecration of the church being the primary object which the officiating minister had in view in the connection, he has accordingly withdrawn from this sphere of action, with the hope that the church thus established may ever be distinguished for its efficiency in the cause of sound religion.

Report of the Rev. James De Pui, rector of St. Luke's church, Pottsville, Schuylkill county, Missionary.

Baptisms, infants 24. Congregation, families 35. Communicants, added 5; removed 8; present number 21. Public services, on Sundays 63. He has also had a week day lecture. Marriages 10. Burials 8. Number of Sunday scholars, male and female, 100. The children have on several occasions been catechized by the rector. Collections for the Episcopal Fund $4 64½—for the Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $7 50.

Several families who have taken the greatest interest in the prosperity of the congregation, have removed during the past year.

The rector has also had public services on Sundays at Schuylkill-Haven, Orwigsburg, and other places, 39. At the first mentioned place we have had it in contemplation to organize a congregation. An Episcopal Sunday school is established in this place, and is in a flourishing condition.

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Report of the Rev. William Douglass, deacon, (a coloured man,) minister of St. Thomas' (African) church, in the city of Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults 2; infants 11; total 13. Congregation, families 80; adults 370; children 160: total 530. Communicants, added 3; died or removed 12; present number 74. Public service, on Sundays 72; other days 3; total 75. Marriages 6. Burials 9. Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 7, pupils 60; female teachers 6, pupils 64; total, school 1, teachers 13, pupils 124.

The minister begs leave to state that in consequence of not having sufficient documents before him, and the date of his connexion with this church being so recent, the above statistical report, so far as it relates to the aggregate number of the congregation, is not so accurate an one as he trusts time will enable him to present.

Besides the public services as above, a lecture is delivered preparatory to the holy communion, on an evening previous to each administration of that sacrament.

No special collection has been taken up here, other than for the poor of the church.

The children heretofore have been catechized in the Sunday school by the superintendant, but as we regard those young immortals as a very interesting branch of our flock, we do not consider any peculiar arrangement of the school sufficient to supersede the necessity of pastoral instruction. Occasional visits prepare us with pleasure to say, that, so far as

it regards the order and regularity of the school, the growing interest manifested by the teachers, and the regular attendance of the pupils, it presents an encouraging aspect, and bids fair, through the divine blessing, to be crowned with the happiest results.

The harmony and kindness of feeling that prevail throughout the congregation, call for constant thankfulness to the great Head of the church, and give sufficient grounds to hope that his word, which is therein dispensed from time to time, will, through divine grace, "be so inwardly grafted in the hearts of those who hear, as to bring forth the fruits of good living to the honour and praise of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Report of the Rev. George C. Drake, rector of St. Paul's church, Bloomsburg, Christ church, Danville; Christ church, Jerseytown, and St. Gabriel's church, Sugarloaf, Columbia county, Missionary.

St. Paul's Church, Bloomsburgh.

Baptisms, adults 2; infants 14; total 16. Congregation, families 48. Communicants, added 17; died or removed 3; present number 71. Public services, on Sundays 47; other days 53; total 100. Burials 4. Children catechized in Sunday school, bible class 1, members 23. Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 5, pupils 30; female 1, teachers 14; pupils 35; total, schools 2, teachers 19, pupils 65. Collections, Episcopal Fund $4 56; Society for the advancement of Christianity $5 00; Missionary and other purposes $18 05; total $27 61.

Nothing very especial occurs to remark in respect to the congregation. The interest in our worship continues to be sustained, there being but few whom the rector can charge with a decline of zeal in behalf of the church. There has been a respectable increase in the list of communicants—an increase attributed entirely to the use of the ordinary gospel means, under the influence of the spirit.

The rector, in addition to his regular parochial and missionary labours, has preached once at Conyngham, in Luzerne county, on his way to Mauch Chunk, in Northampton county. At the former place he baptized one child, and at the latter five children, which are not included in his report. In his visitation to Mauch Chunk he acted in union with the Rev. Messrs. May, Rogers and De Pui, who have engaged to preach at that place in turn, so as to afford them the regular ministration of the word once a month. All will concur that it is a most interesting field of labour. It is intended to organize a congregation there, if one is not already organized.

A Sunday school, not noted in the foregoing report, has been established within the limits of St. Paul's, under Episcopal auspices; and is succeeding, it is believed, very well.

It is mentioned with great satisfaction, that a great interest is manifested by the members of the Bible class in the study of the word of God, and it is reasonably hoped that many will be thereby led to know the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom he has sent.

Christ Church, Danville.

To supply in some measure a deficiency occasioned by the resignation, on the part of the Rev. Mr. Smith, of this charge, the rector of St. Paul's, with the consent of his vestry, has engaged to preach for the congregation every two weeks, in the afternoon. The statistics of this congregation, it is expected, will be reported by the Rev. Mr. Smith.

Christ Church, Jerseytown.

Baptisms, adults 4; infants 11; total 15. Congregation, families 16. Communicants, added 3; died 2; present number 22. Public services, on Sundays 25; other days 40; total 65. Marriage 1. Burials 2. Bible class 1; member 17. Sunday schools, male 1, pupils 23; female 1, teachers 6, pupils 27; total, schools 2, teachers 6, pupils 50. Collections, Society for the advancement of Christianity $1 75; Episcopal Fund $2 41; Missionary and other purposes $2 97½.

New Columbia still receives a share of my ministerial labour. There is in general a very respectable attendance at this church.

St. Gabriel's Church, Sugarloaf.

Baptisms, infants 13. Congregation, families 38. Communicants, added 4; died 1; present number 14. Public services, on Sundays 15; other days 10; total 25. Burials 1. Sunday school 1. Collections, Society for the advancement of Christianity $1 00; Missionary and other purposes $5; total $6 00.

On my return to my residence after visiting this church, I preached at Orangeville, where I have always met a respectable, but generally a very large and attentive congregation.

Report of the Rev. Henry W. Ducachet, M. D. rector of St. Stephen's church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults 1; infants 37; total 38. Communicants, added 15; present number 150. Public services, on Sundays 106; other days 20; total 126. Marriages 5. Burials 19. Collections, Episcopal Fund $86 51; Society for the advance-

ment of Christianity $140 45; Missionary and other purposes $228 97; total $455 93.

The present rector having had charge of the parish but about six months, the above report is necessarily imperfect. Some particulars required by the form he finds himself entirely unable to supply, through want of accurate information. Particularly has he been at a loss to ascertain the number of families, and the precise number of the communicants, in the congregation. Of the former there are supposed to be nearly 200, and of the latter about 150. Generally, the condition of this church may be considered highly prosperous and promising.

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Report of the Rev. L. N. Freeman, rector of Christ church, Brownsville, Fayette county, and St. Peter's church, Pike Run, Washington county, Missionary.

Baptisms, adults 1; infants 4; total 5. Congregation, families 25. Communicants, added 3; died or removed 2; present number 27. Public services, on Sundays 192; other days 58; total 250. Confirmed 13. Marriages 4. Burials 2. Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 4, pupils 35; female 1, teachers 6, pupils 40; total, schools 2, teachers 10, pupils 75. Collections, Episcopal Fund $5; Society for the advancement of Christianity $15; Missionary and other purposes $334; total $354.

From the above it will be perceived that the pecuniary state of this church is flourishing. It has been supplied during the last year with a very fine and sweet toned organ, which is wholly paid for. The ladies have the credit of purchasing it. The spiritual condition of the church is, I think, very encouraging, though but few new communicants have been added to it since the last convention.

The services of the sanctuary are well attended, and also the lectures that are held on Thursday evening. The number of Episcopal families is upon the increase. We have organized a missionary society upon Bishop Doane's plan, and, thus far it has succeeded admirably. We shall, in this way, raise between $80 and $100 in the course of a year for missionary operations.

St. Peter's Church, Pike Run.

This church is in a more flourishing condition than it was last year. The congregation has very much increased, and the services of our Zion have become much more popular with the people.

Should we succeed, as we hope to do, in getting the build-

ing repaired during the coming summer, I have no doubt that both the temporal and spiritual interests of the church will be greatly improved. The holy communion has been administered twice since my last report. I have preached in this church once in four weeks on a Sunday, and several times on week days. Once I preached at Bentleysville, a small village three miles distant from St. Peter's, where we had a very numerous congregation. Two marriages have been solemnized, and one funeral performed. The deceased was a very pious and exemplary communicant of the church. The number of communicants is ten.

Report of the Rev. J. R. Goodman, rector of St. John's church, Carlisle, Cumberland county.

Baptisms, adults 1; infants 3; total 4. Communicants, added 1; died or removed 1; present number 67. Confirmed 5. Married 1. Burials 1. Children catechized monthly. Sunday schools, 1 male, teachers 14, pupils 54; 1 female, teachers 12, pupils 65; total, schools 2, teachers 26, pupils 119. Collections, Episcopal Fund $18 42; Society for the advancement of Christianity $3 50; Missionary and other purposes $19 00; total $40 92.

The short time which has elapsed since my assuming the charge of this parish has prevented the rendering of a more full report than that now presented. It is, however, with pleasure, communicated, that the congregation appear to be zealously engaged in advancing the interests of the church, as well as promoting their individual improvement. The Sunday schools have lately received considerable accessions to their numbers, and the superintendant and teachers exhibit a gratifying concern in the discharge of their responsible duties.

Report of the Rev. William Hilton, rector of Christ church, in the borough of Allegheny, and St. John's church, Lawrenceville, Allegheny county, Missionary.

Christ church, Allegheny.

Baptisms, infants 17. Congregation, families 27. Communicants, added 13; died or removed 5; present number 45. Public services, on Sundays 64; other days 40; total 104. Confirmed 8. Marriages 3. Burials 5. Children catechized 30; times 12. Bible class 1, members 15. Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 4, pupils 30; female 1, teachers 6, pupils 40; total, schools 2, teachers 10, pupils 70. Collections, Society for the advancement of Christianity $6; Missionary and other purposes $50; total $56.

Since my last report, up to the last Sunday in August, I officiated three-fourths of my time in this parish—since that time only one half. This congregation still labours under some pecuniary difficulties; which, together with the want of a suitable and commodious church, tends greatly to prevent the more rapid growth and prosperity of the parish; and I am now fully satisfied that, until these difficulties are removed, this congregation will never flourish to any great extent. As it is the duty of the strong to bear, or, at least, to assist in bearing, the burdens of the weak, we must look to our more wealthy brethren for help in this our time of need. Though, for the reasons just mentioned, the growth of this parish has not been rapid, still there has been a gradual increase of our little flock; and the rector is happy to say that, through the blessing of God upon his labours, there is manifestly an increase of piety and vital religion among the members of the congregation generally.

Besides the regular services on Sunday, there is a regular weekly lecture on Wednesday evening, which is generally well attended. Our Missionary Society, auxiliary to the "Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church," still continues its operations. The greater part of its funds for the past year were appropriated to the use of our own church, but in future they will all be sent into the funds of the parent society.

St. John's Church, Lawrenceville.

I entered on the duties of this parish on the last Sunday in August, 1834, and since that time have devoted the one half of my labours to the interest of the same. Though this congregation is yet in its infancy, its members have persevered, with laudable zeal and liberality, in erecting and furnishing a neat and commodious church, which was dedicated to the worship of Almighty God on the 19th of July, 1834, by the Rt. Rev. H. U. Onderdonk, the Assistant Bishop of the diocese.

Since the commencement of my labours here, though there has not been a rapid, there has been a gradual increase of numbers, and our services are generally well attended. But what is more grateful to the heart of the faithful minister than even the increase of members in his congregation, is the increase of piety among its members, and the rector is happy in being able to say that he has good reason to believe that this is the case among the members of this congregation.

Connected with this congregation there is a Sunday school of about 50 scholars, under 6 teachers, who are generally re-

gular in their attendance. Baptisms, children 13. Present number of communicants 21. Confirmed 12. Marriages 2. Funerals 1. Collections for the Society for the advancement of Christianity $4 31¼.

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Report of the Rev. Benjamin Hutchins, Rector of St. John the Baptist's Church, York, York county.

Baptisms, adults, 4; infants, 6. Communicants, 23. Confirmed, 23. Marriages, 1; burials, 2. Prayer book and bible classes, 1; members, 14. Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 10; pupils, 66. Female, 1; teachers, 12; pupils, 73. Total, schools, 2; teachers, 22; pupils, 139. Collections, Episcopal Fund, $6 47½; Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $6 92.

The congregation of St. John's church came under my charge in the early part of the month of October, 1834. The church has been open weekly, since that time, for divine service—not the case, I believe, at any time previous. Communion has been administered five times. A Sunday school has been formed, which promises much usefulness. The children have been catechized more or less every Sunday.

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Report of the Rev. Cyrus H. Jacobs, Rector of St. Paul's Church, West Whiteland, and St. Andrew's Church, West Vincent, Chester county.

St. Paul's, West Whiteland.

Baptisms, infants, 9; adults, 7. Marriages, 2; burials, 2. Communicants, added, 19; whole number, 44. Confirmed, 12. Sunday schools, 1 male and female; number of pupils, 40; teachers, male, 2; female, 6. Collections, Episcopal Fund, $5 34; Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $6 05½; other purposes, $21 75¾. The children connected with the congregation were catechized during last spring and summer.

St. Andrew's, West Vincent.

Baptisms, infants, 9; adults, 24. Marriages, 2; burials, 3. Communicants, added, 40; died or removed, 4; whole number. 59. Confirmed, 30. Children have been catechized. Collections, Episcopal Fund, $6 05½; Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, $8 53; other purposes, $24 59.

Our Sunday school was discontinued during the winter, and, owing to some unavoidable circumstances, is only now being recommenced.

For what the Great Head of the Church has done for our

newly gathered congregation, we say, "Not unto us, not unto us, O, God! but unto thy name, be the praise!"

Report of the Rev. B. B. Killikelly, deacon, minister of St. Peter's Church, Butler, Butler county; St. Paul's Church, Kittaning; and Trinity Parish, Freeport, Armstrong county, Missionary.

St. Peter's Church, Butler.

Baptisms, infants, 6. Congregation, families, 27; adults, 58; children, 56; total, 114. Communicants, added, 2; died or removed, 2; present number, 42. Public services, on Sundays, 29; other days, 11; total, 40. Marriages, 3; burial, 1. Children catechized, 5; times, 1. Sunday schools, 1; male teachers, 5; male pupils, 12; female teachers, 2; female pupils, 10; total, 22 pupils.

I entered upon the discharge of duty in this parish in the beginning of September. Although enjoying only occasional services for nine months previously, the congregation, with a few exceptions, remained faithful to the church. Some new members have since been added, and the numerical strength of the parish is much about what it has heretofore been. Since the first Sunday in January, lay service, when the weather would permit, has been regularly held, and one of the Rev. Dr. Chapman's sermons, upon the ministry, worship, and doctrines of our Church, has been read at each meeting. The Rev. Mr. Crumpton administered the holy communion to this congregation on the second Sunday in November. Two persons then came forward for the first time, and some others are prepared to do so whenever we may again be able to celebrate the holy supper.

The Sunday school has always been small, owing to the tender age and fewness of the children residing in the town. The church being situated in the suburbs of the town, the school was discontinued during the winter. It has been again resumed, and will, I trust, be sustained. A class in the catechism has just been formed, which I shall attend to regularly. This parish is still encumbered with debt, and unable to contribute to the institutions of the church; but I feel confident that I shall have the pleasure of forwarding something as soon as it is clear of its present embarrassment.

The Rev. Mr. Hilton preached once on a week day, and the Rev. Mr. Crumpton twice, on the day he administered the communion. Their assistance is included in my list of "public services." I supplied Mr. Crumpton's pulpit at Meadville, on the day he officiated in Butler.

St. Paul's Church, Kittaning.

Baptisms, infants, 19. Congregation, families, 42; adults, 108; children, 74; total, 182. Communicants, added, 3; present number, 28. Public services, on Sundays, 25; other days, 18; total, 43. Marriages, 2; burials, 1. Children catechized, 16; times, 4. 1 Sunday school, male teachers, 3; male pupils, 20; female teachers, 6; female pupils, 24; total, teachers, 9; pupils, 44.

Having undertaken the charge of this parish in connection with those of Butler and Freeport, I date the commencement of my labours from the 1st of September. This parish has laboured under great difficulties, in consequence of having built a place of worship in conjunction with a Lutheran congregation. Both parties wished, after awhile, to separate; but as they did not agree on the terms, neither would attend to rendering the church comfortable, or keeping it in order. This business, however, has been brought to a close. The Episcopalians have agreed to pay the Lutherans a much larger sum than they subscribed, say $400; and the latter have relinquished all right and title in the building. The parishioners of St. Paul's have likewise to pay the mechanic who built the church $220, and, in addition, contemplate making some necessary repairs. Thus situated, they cannot at present contribute to the excellent institutions of our beloved Church. They have neatly fitted up the interior of St. Paul's, and are under no apprehension of not being able to meet the demands against them. I found the Sunday school of this parish united with the Sunday school of the Methodist society, and as no clergyman was permitted, by a regulation of the school, to address the pupils, except by particular invitation, and as the peculiarities of our church could not be impressed on the minds of our youth, I felt it my duty to dissolve the connection. Our school, when first separated, numbered two male and four female teachers, and about thirty pupils; it now has three male and six female teachers, and fifty pupils. The Rev. Mr. Hilton administered the communion in this church, on the second Sunday in November last; three persons were then added. The Rev. Dr. Lacey also administered the same blessed sacrament on Easter day, but the weather being very unfavourable, few persons came in from the country, and none of those who intended to commune for the first time. The Rev. Dr. Upfold, and the Rev. Mr. Crumpton, have each, on week days, preached once to this congregation. Their services, as well as those of Mr. Hilton and Dr. Lacey, are included in the list of "public services."

We have no bible class distinct from the Sunday school, but in it a large one, which receives regular instruction.

Trinity Parish, Freeport.

Baptisms, adults 7, infants 6; total 13. Congregation, families 18, adults, 47, children 34; total 81. Communicants, died or removed 1; present number 11. Public services, on Sundays 16, other days 9, total 25. Marriages 2. Burials 1. Children catechized 10. Sunday school 1; male teachers 5; pupils 6; female teachers 4; pupils 8.

I have been able only to devote about one-fifth of my time to this congregation. The other two parishes contribute largely towards my support, and having churches in debt, they claim more of my attention, although I feel truly interested in this little flock. The Rev. Mr. Hilton administered communion on the third Sunday in September last; it was the first time the Holy Supper had ever been celebrated according to the rites of our church in Freeport. Twelve persons belonging to the congregation then communed.

This is a very promising station. The congregation has somewhat increased, and as the village and surrounding country improves, we may hope our little band will be strengthened. The few children belonging to the congregation, residing in the village, have heretofore attended what is termed a Union school; but I have recently formed a separate school,—open, however, to all who think proper to unite with us; and as the teachers are highly capable and zealous, we have a prospect of doing some good in this way.

Notwithstanding the severity of the winter, the badness of the roads, and the distance between my parishes, (Butler being twenty-two miles, and Freeport sixteen from Kittanning,) I have, by Divine permission, fulfilled all my engagements—and although there is little, if any, spiritual improvement apparent, yet it is my province to work steadily and heartily, and to pray earnestly that my "labor be not in vain in the Lord." Since the first Sunday in January last, lay service has occasionally been held in Freeport. The Rev. Dr. Upfold, and the Rev. Mr. Freeman, late of Greensburg, as well as the Rev. Mr. Hilton, have preached there, and I have likewise supplied their pulpits.

Report of the Rev. George Kirke, rector of St. John's church, New London, Chester county, Missionary.

Baptisms, infants 15. Congregation, families 31. Communicants, added, 1 ; removed, 2 ; present number 44.—Public services, on Sundays 69, other days 26, total 95. Children catechized 14, times 28. Bible class 1, members 8. Sunday schools, male and female, 1 ; male teachers 4 ; male pupils 16 ; female teachers 3 ; female pupils 13 ; total school 1; teachers 7, pupils 29. Collections, Episcopal Fund, $1 76 ; Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $4 66 ; Missionary and other purposes, $20 07½. Total $26 49½.

A parish library company and a Sunday school society, each connected with this church, have been organized. The library belonging to the former, though small, is increasing. The Sunday school under the care of the latter, will be in connexion with the Diocesan Sunday School Union, whose system of instruction has been adopted. There is a small library belonging to the school, which has proved very acceptable, and is about to be increased. Our parish Temperance Society, now numbers about 40 members. It is but an act of justice to state, that this parish, and other places, whither I go preaching the Lord Jesus Christ, are under many obligations to the Episcopal Female Tract Society of Philadelphia, for a variety of tracts, depicting " Evangelic Truth and Apostolic order."

St. James's Church, West Marlborough.

Public services, on Sundays 26 ; other days 9 ; total 35. There is at present but one communicant belonging to this church. It may, however, be proper to remark, that the Lord's Supper has not yet been administered this season, and that for the greater part of the winter and spring, the weather has so generally interfered with the attendance, both here and at St. John's, on the Lord's day, that it is almost impossible to form any thing like a correct estimate of the spiritual condition of either congregation.

Besides officiating occasionally at various other places, I have preached at, and in the neighborhood of Glenville, 26 times, and baptized 5 children ; and have sold and distributed gratuitously at this place, and in the parishes of St. James' and St. John's, a considerable number of Prayer Books, kindly furnished by the Female Prayer Book Society of Philadelphia.

Report of the Rev. Samuel T. Lord, deacon, minister of St. Matthew's church, Pike, Bradford county, Missionary.

Christ Church, Athens.

Baptisms, adult 1; children 3; total 4. Communicants, added 1; removed 6; present number 8. Public services, on Sundays 49, other times 4; total 53. Burials 3. The Sunday school, which was always small, has been discontinued for want of teachers. Its library has been transferred to the Sunday school at Towanda. The communion has been administered three times, twice by the Rev. Thomas Clark, of Elmira, New York, and once by the Rev. Lucius Carter, of Condor, New York. Lay-reading has been regularly performed during my absence. Since the first of July last, I have given but one-fourth of my time to this place.

Christ Church, Columbia.

Baptisms, children 3. Communicants 6. Public services, on Sundays 29, other times 2; total 31. The communion has been administered once by the Rev. Lucius Carter. This congregation has been organized during the past year. A Sunday school has just been commenced under favorable auspices.

St. Matthews' Church, Pike.

Baptisms, adult 1, children 4; total 5. Communicants, added 2; present number 14. Public services, on Sundays, 29; other times 6; total 35. Confirmed 2. The Sunday school has been discontinued; but it is expected that it will be recommenced on the next Sunday that I visit that place. The communion has been administered once by Bishop H. U. Onderdonk. Of this church the Rev. Samuel Marks, their former minister, thus writes. "Many of the members of this church, when I took charge of it, were old people. Death, and removals, have reduced them to their present number (12.) For want of a resident minister, this church has been suffered to become lukewarm. The new measures, as they are termed, have chilled and blighted the good effects produced by the services of the church, upon the parish at large —indeed the same may be said of all my parishes. When bible doctrines, and holiness of life, shall beat back the inventions of men, God only knows. Notwithstanding the prevalence of customs unknown to the church, yet, I see no reason to despair. Two things encourage us. 1. Our preaching is well attended. 2. The foundation of the church, and the

origin of her ministry, are becoming the subjects of conversation."

Christ Church, Towanda.

Communicants, 1 female. Public services, on Sundays 35, other times 9; total 44. Burials 3. Sunday school teachers, male, 6; female, 6; total 12; scholars, male, 34; female, 31; total 65. We have the library which belonged to the Sunday school in Athens. Thirteen dollars and sixty-four cents, have been raised to increase the library. One of the wardens has been removed by death. He was an active and efficient man, a member of the Baptist society. His loss has been much felt. This congregation has been organized during the past year. There is a small sewing society among the ladies, designed to clothe poor children in the Sunday school, and otherwise aid in building up the church.

The public services, and baptisms, enumerated above, includes those around, as well as in my different stations.

Since the first of July last, my time has been given equally to the four places, of which reports are given above. More frequent services are needed, in order to do much good. Could another missionary be sent into Bradford county, so as to give services half of the time to each of my places, the prospects would be much improved. I hope, however, that some good has been done, and that my services have not been altogether in vain, though not blessed to the extent which might be desired. No collections have been made in any of my parishes for any purpose. It is hoped and expected, that something may and will be done in this way another year.

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Report of the Rev. Samuel A. M'Coskry, rector of St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults 8; infants 25; total 33. Congregation, families 470. Communicants, added 50; died or removed 23; present number 400. Public services, on Sundays 104; other days 127; total 231. Confirmed 41. Marriages 9. Burials 39. Children catechized 6 times. 2 Bible classes, members 63. Sunday schools, male 1; teachers 17; pupils 152; female 1; teachers 26; pupils 214; total, schools 2; teachers 43; pupils 499. Collections, Episcopal fund, $25. Society for the Advancement of Christianity $100. Missionary and other purposes $1614; total $1739.

The present rector took charge of the parish of St. Paul's on the 13th day of July last, at which time he was instituted.

As there was no rector at the meeting of the last convention, no report of the parish was then presented. He has therefore used as a guide, the report furnished for the year ending May 1, 1833; of course he is unable to give the exact condition of the parish. The number of the families connected with the church, judging from the report above alluded to, and from other information furnished, he believes to be about 470, although it may be more, or somewhat less. The condition of the parish, in a temporal and spiritual point of view, is highly encouraging. During the past winter, a more than common interest was manifested on the subject of religion. The rector trusts that through the blessing of God on his labours, many christians were excited to greater diligence in the discharge of their duties, and many more have been added to the church of such as shall be saved. A female missionary society, auxiliary to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the church, was formed during the winter, which promises to do much towards extending the Gospel of Christ. It has been in existence only a few months, yet it has been able to give to the parent society $100, to send the gospel to China, and $50 in part payment of the salary of a missionary to one of our western states. The Sunday schools are in a most flourishing condition. Few can be found in which a greater amount of religious instruction is communicated. Most, if not all, of the teachers are communicants in the church, and exhibit a zeal and interest in the spiritual welfare of the children worthy of all praise. There is connected with the schools a very interesting infant school, from which scholars are transferred after arriving at a suitable age. Also a male and female Bible class, for those who have past the age for receiving Sunday school instruction. These are under the care of a gentleman and lady of the congregation, both well qualified for their important duties. These classes are looked upon as nurseries for future Sunday school teachers, and through the blessing of God on the labours of those to whom they are entrusted, they have been the means of bringing several of the young, to a knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus. There has also been connected with the church during the past winter, a female adult school, under the direction and kind superintendance of two or three ladies of the congregation. It promises to do much good. From twenty to thirty attended on one evening in each week, and were instructed in reading, writing, and in their duties to God and man. The rector, in looking at what God has done among his people, since he has entered upon his duties, has much

cause for thankfulness, and hopes, as each succeeding year rolls round, he may be more devoted to the delightful work of winning souls to Christ.

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Report of the Rev. Samuel Marks, Rector of Trinity Church, Carbondale, Luzerne county, Missionary.

After a residence of between ten and eleven years, with the churches of Bradford and Susquehanna counties, I have had the pleasure of seeing four well-built churches finished—three of which were built during my residence. Two of the four, were supplied with organs, and one of the four with all that constitutes a regularly organized church, viz:—a surplice, gown, organ, Sunday school, and a Sunday school library. However easily these matters are attained in cities and populous places, they are attained by great efforts in other places. Indeed, I may almost say in the language of the prophet, "the wilderness, and the solitary place, shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing." When I first came to those missionary stations, I dared not to hope for what I had the pleasure of seeing. May they doubly prosper in the hands of my successor.

Trinity Church, Carbondale.

My labours commenced in this place, on the first Sunday in December, 1834. Through divine goodness, my exertions have been prospered. Communicants 14; three of whom have been added since my settlement. Burials 3. Baptisms, 2 children. Children catechized 8. In connection with the church, a Sunday school has been organized—scholars 34; 5 male, and 6 female teachers. I have had a regular Wednesday night service, and a meeting on Friday evening, for conversation on the articles of our church. The services have been well attended. The church is rising in public estimation.

St. John's Church, Dundaff, Susquehannah County.

This church I had the pleasure of organizing in January, 1835. Things have advanced beyond my most sanguine expectation. A temporary chapel has been prepared for our reception, under the expectation of a church edifice in the course of a year. Communicants 5; three of whom have been added since my settlement. A fine Sunday school has been established, children 73; teachers, 9 females, males 6;

both the schools have a library, obtained from the Protestant Episcopal Press.

I am in the habit of preaching to the Sunday school, and have found it very beneficial, not only to the children, but also to their parents and others. The discourses are adapted to the understanding of the children. At the conclusion of the sermon, I ask the text, and put general questions, to which I allow a simultaneous answer. These discourses are given at five o'clock, on Sunday afternoon—making my services on Sunday, between the two parishes, on an average, five. I preach in Dundaff and Carbondale on the same day; distance between, six miles. Besides the duties to these parishes, I have preached twice at Canaan Corners. Our church is rising and must rise. Her beautiful, orderly, and pious services, are gaining her friends, wherever they are fairly exhibited. Amid the agitated state of things, in the other orders of christians, she sits, like a rock in the ocean--undisturbed and umoved. Thanks be to God, for the Protestant Episcopal church--she is the church of my heart.

Report of the Rev. James May, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Wilkes-Barré, Luzerne county.

Baptisms, infants 2. Communicants, added 6; died or removed 4; present number, 36. Public services, on Sundays 104; other days 52; total 156. Confirmed 7. Marriages 9. Bible class 1; members 25. Sunday schools, pupils 75. Collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $4 52; Missionary and other purposes, $35; total $39 52.

The plan of weekly penny contributions has been adopted in the congregation, with promise of much success. The condition of the church is encouraging.

Report of the Rev. William Cooper Mead, D. D. Rector of Trinity Church, Southwark, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults 9; infants 26; total 35. Congregation, families 150; adults 460; children 300; total 760. Communicants, added 38; died or removed 5; present number 214. Public services, on Sundays 106; other days 87; total 193. Confirmed 28. Marriages 14. Burials 20. Children catechized 80; times 5. Bible class 1; members 150. Sun-

day schools, male 2; teachers 16; pupils 200; female 3; teachers 24; pupils 262; total schools 5; teachers 40; pupils 462. Collections, Episcopal fund, to be made; for the Society for the advancement of Christianity $75; Missionary and other purposes, about $600; total $675.

Of the adults baptized, 6 were teachers in the Sunday schools. Seven of the communicants added during the year, were also teachers. Twenty of the persons confirmed are now communicants. The number of communicants registered, is 214, but as some have removed without certificates, it is intended during the present year, to erase such names from the list.

In addition to his public services in Trinity parish, the rector has officiated elsewhere, during the year, above fifty times.

The fund for benevolent purposes, is raised through the medium of a parish association, which went into operation a short time before the meeting of the last convention, and so far has reasonably fulfilled the expectations of those who instituted it.

A parish library, at present consisting of between three and four hundred volumes of valuable works, has been opened; its advantages improved by many, and promises much usefulness.

The members of the Bible class were not this year formally enrolled, it having been thought expedient to leave it open to the attendance of all the congregation. It was held in the church. A portion of the Gospel of St. John, was studied by the class, and commented on by the rector. About one hundred and fifty attended. The Sunday schools are flourishing under the direction of a band of valuable teachers. In the female department, a part of the exercise on each Lord's day, has been a consideration of the Collect and Epistle for the day; the teachers being previously prepared by a lecture and questions on the same. The Juvenile Missionary Society of the Female Sunday school, has paid this year to the General Missionary Society $12 37 cents, for the Green Bay Mission, making $32 37 cents, paid for this object by the children in two years.

During the whole of Lent, (with the exception of one week when the rector was absent attending a special meeting of the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary,) the church was opened daily at five o'clock, P. M. for service and a sermon. These extra services were well attended.

The male adult school was opened during the winter, and several availed themselves of its advantages. They are numbered with the male Sunday schools.

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Report of the Rev. George Mintzer, Rector of St. Gabriel's Church, Morlattin, Berks County, Missionary.

Baptisms, adult 1; infants 15; total 16. Congregation, families 60. Communicants, dead 1; present number 66. Public services, on Sundays 34; other days 40; total 74. Marriages 12. Burials 10. Children catechized 30; times 10. Sunday schools, male 1; teachers 2; pupils 40. Female 1; teachers 4; pupils 40; total schools 2; teachers 6; pupils 80. Collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity $16 12; Episcopal fund $2 34; total $18 46.

Christ Church, Pottstown.

Congregation, families 20. Communicants, present number 20. Public services, on Sundays 28; other days 16; total 44. Marriage 1. Children catechized 15; times 6. Sunday schools, male 1; teachers 4; pupils 40. Female 1; teachers 12; pupils 50; total, schools 2; teachers 16; pupils 90. Collections, Episcopal fund $2 34; Society for the Advancement of Christianity $11 8; total $13 42.

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Report of the Rev. Richard U. Morgan, Rector of Christ's Church, Reading, Berks county.

Baptism, 1 infant. Congregation, families 34; adults 92; children 64; total 156. Communicants, added 4; died 2; removed 3; present number 51. Public services, on Sundays 104; other days 88; total 192. Burials 4. Children catechized 30; times 5. Bible classes 1; members 32. Sunday schools, male 1; teachers 9; pupils 54; female 1; teachers 15; pupils 66; total, schools 2; teachers 24; pupils 120. Collections, Episcopal fund $9 51; Society for the Advancement of Christianity $9; Missionary and other purposes $100; total $118 51.

The present rector entered upon his duties on the first Sunday of October last, when he was instituted by the Right Reverend Assistant Bishop.

The Missionary Society of this parish has paid to the treasurer of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, to which it is auxiliary, the sum of $33 75. There is also an association of twelve little girls, who meet once a week to

sew, for missionary purposes. They have received as the avails of their industry, for the last four months, the sum of $7, which they have devoted to the schools in Greece. On the first Monday evening in every month, the church is open for prayer, and the dissemination of missionary intelligence, when collections are made, amounting in the whole to $40.

The Bible class is conducted by *written* questions and answers. It meets in the church on every Wednesday evening, when divine service is regularly performed, the answers received, and an expository and practical lecture delivered upon the portion of Scripture, studied by the class. Several other persons, besides the members attend.

Three sermons are preached during passion week, and divine service performed, on every evening of that solemn and interesting period. Public services are also celebrated, and sermons preached, generally twice, on all the other festivals and fasts appointed by the church.

The Sunday school is in a prosperous condition. The rector visits it every Sunday afternoon, and hears the more advanced scholars recite a portion of Scripture, on which some practical and familiar remarks are made. On the first Sunday afternoon of each month, the school is assembled in the church, when the parents of the children, are invited to attend, to witness their examination in the bible and catechism. On the second Monday evening of eaeh month, the rector meets the teachers to receive reports of their respective classes, impress upon them the great importance of fidelity in their vocation, and to supplicate the blessing of the great Head of the church upon their labours.

A Tract Society, connected with the parish, was formed in October last, and at present, consists of upwards of forty members. It has been instrumental in distributing about fifteen thousand pages, of the publications of our own church. There is a parish library, formed some years since, and containing at the present time, about two hundred volumes of valuable works.

The ladies sewing society, continue their zealous and laudable exertions, and afford most generous and important aid to the church.

The congregation is increasing, and there is an encouraging prospect of its continuing to add to its numbers. We pray that they may be of such as shall be saved.

Report of the Rev. R. U. Morgan, late Rector of the parish of St. John's, Pequea, Chester county, and Christ Church, Leacock, Lancaster county.

My pastoral connexion with this parish, which had existed for three years and a half, ceased on the 28th day of September last. From the first of May preceding, up to that period, the following parochial duties were performed by me, and are now respectfully reported.

St. John's, Pequea.

Communicants, added 5. Baptisms, infants 8. Burials 4. Marriages 1.

Christ Church, Leacock.

Baptisms, infants 6. Burials 1.

Report of the Rev. Willie Peck, deacon, minister of St. Paul's church, Montrose, St. Mark's church, New Milford, and St. Andrew's church, Springville, Susquehannah county, Missionary.

Baptisms, infants 3. Congregation, families 100; adults 800; children 200; total 1,000. Communicants, died or removed 1; present number 60. Public services, on Sundays 104. Marriages 3. Burial 1. Sunday schools, male 1; teachers 6; pupils 38; female 1; teachers 6; pupils 43; total schools 2; teachers 12; pupils 81.

This report comes from your missionary, who is labouring where it is fondly hoped and confidently believed that the morning of a favourable day is opening. Opposition has been formidable, and the influence of the prejudiced constantly exerted; but by the blessing of Him whose goodness is infinite, violence has subsided and the peaceable kingdom of Emmanuel is advancing; congregations are constantly increasing; and I am persuaded that so soon as an opportunity shall offer, several will join—and they are of that character which will promise good to the church.

The people here are generally poor, and their means have been strained to get churches built; and under the present pressure we have not been able to do any thing in aid of the Episcopal fund, missionary, and other purposes.

I expect soon to establish another Sunday school and some Bible classes.

Report of the Rev. Robert Piggott, Rector of All Souls' church, Philadelphia, and officiating at Hamilton Village, Blockley, Missionary:

The Rector of All Souls' church reports, that the year which is past has been one of very great trial to the congregation and himself. But, under existing circumstances, he feels it his duty not to enter into the particulars which have constituted it a season of trial; as he is, at present, uncertain as to the exact course which the line of his duty may lead him to take. There is one which has suggested itself to his mind, which, should he take, would require him at this time to be silent.

He may say of himself and congregation, without in the least degree misapplying holy writ, "we are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed."

On the 5th of February last, he received notice of his appointment as missionary, by the Society for the Advancement of Christianity, to the station at Hamilton Village. Upon the duties of this mission he immediately entered, with very promising appearances of promoting the interests of the Church. The attendance at St. Mary's church, in the village, is truly exemplary and encouraging.

He has extended his services to Mantuaville, where, on the 26th of March last, he commenced public worship in a large school room, when about fifty persons attended. Since that date he has held regular service there on every Thursday evening, (but one very inclement evening,) with an increased attendance, and still, apparently, increasing interest. A number of the friends of the Church in this village are taking an active concern in St. Mary's church, Hamilton; two of them are in the vestry of that church—one a warden.

There have been during the year baptisms, adult 1; children 32; total 33. Confirmed 4. Marriages 14. Burials 8.

At Mantuaville, baptised one child.

Report of the Rev. Wm. H. Rees, Rector of St. David's church, Newtown, Delaware county, and St. Peter's church, Great Valley, Chester county.

St. David's church, Newtown.

Baptisms, adults 5; infants 14; total 19. Congregation, families 45; adults 130. Communicants, added 16; died or removed, 1; present number 54. Public services, on Sundays 36; other days 10; total 46. Marriages 4. Children catechised 15; times 5. Sunday schools, male 1; teachers 4; pupils 12; female 1; teachers 3; pupils 14; total schools 2;

teachers 7; pupils 26. Collections, Episcopal fund $9; Society for the Advancement of Christianity $11 25: total $20 25.

St. Peter's church, Great Valley.

Baptisms, adult 1; infants 3; total 4. Communicants, added 2; removed 2; present number 23. Public services, on Sundays 34. Marriages 3.

In addition to the public services stated in the reports, the Rector of these churches has preached on Sundays at Reeseville 19 times, and at school houses and other places on other days 18 times; making the total of preaching 117.

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Report of the Rev. J. Reynolds, Rector of St. James' church, Perkiomen, and St. John's, Norristown, Montgomery county.

St James' church, Perkiomen.

Baptisms, adults 4; infants 8; total 12. Congregation, families 40; adults 100; children 200; total 300. Communicants added 15; present number 57. Public services, on Sundays 36; other days 50; total 86. Marriages 7. Burials 9. Bible class 1; members 60. Sunday school 1; male teacher 1; pupils 30; female teachers 6; pupils 40: total, school 1; teachers 7; pupils 70. Collections, Episcopal fund $8 78; missionary and other purposes $100; total $108 78.

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St. John's church, Norristown.

Baptisms, adults 2; infants 11; total 13. Congregation, families 30; adults 100; children 150; total 250. Communicants added 2; died or removed 1; present number 40. Public services, on Sundays 36; other days 2; total 38. Marriage 1. Burials 8. Children catechised 20; times 9. Sunday school 1, male teacher 1; pupils 20; female teachers 8; pupils 40; total, school 1; teachers 9; pupils 60. Collections, missionary and other purposes, $50.

These two churches have been united under the care of one Rector, who resides at St. James', which accounts for his rendering more frequent services there than at St. John's, as the week-day lectures are included, and consequently that congregation presents a more flourishing aspect than the other. Arrangements however being in contemplation to secure the performance of divine service in each church on every Sunday, it is to be hoped that considerable advantage to both churches will result from the adoption of this measure.

Report of the Rev. John Rodney, jun., Rector of St. Luke's Church, Germantown, Philadelphia County.

Baptisms, adults 3; infants 13; total 16. Congregation, families 47; total 220. Communicants, added 5; died or removed 1; present number 36. Public services, on Sundays 104; other days 4; total 108. Married 3. Burials 15. Children catechized 50; times 4. Sunday schools 1; teachers 10; pupils 60. Collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity $20; Missionary and other purposes 150; total $170.

Report of the Rev. J. M. Rogers, Rector of Trinity Church, Easton, Northampton county, Missionary.

Baptisms, adults 4; infants 18; total 22; Congregation, families 40; adults 175; children 75; total 250. Communicants, added 9; died or removed 5; present number 83. Public services, on Sundays 98; other days 16; total 114. Confirmed 23. Marriages 8. Burials 12. Children catechized 30; times 32. Sunday schools, male 1; teachers 5; pupils 20; female 1; teachers 6; pupils 35; total, schools 2; teachers 11; pupils 55. Collections, Episcopal fund $10; Society for the Advancement of Christianity $15; Missionary and other purposes $23; total $48.

During the past year, I have spent two Sundays at Mauch Chunk, and preached twice each Sunday. At that place the prospects of the church are very favourable. During Lent I had a lecture every Wednesday evening, and also have the church open for divine service every holy day through the year.

At Easton, there has been subscribed and paid, more than three hundred dollars, which has entirely liquidated the debt of the church, and we hope hereafter to be able to do more for missionary and other purposes.

Report of the Rev. Isaac Smith, Rector of St. James' Church, in the Borough of Muncy, Lycoming county, Missionary.

During the last year, I have baptized one adult and eight children. There are forty-four families belonging to the congregation; four communicants have been added; the total number forty-nine. There have been regular services twice every other Sunday, except two, when I was absent on a visit to Connecticut. I have held a weekly lecture on Tuesday evening in town, and in the country on Wednesday evening.

There have been one marriage and two burials. There is one bible class and fourteen members. One Sunday school, seventy-five children on the books, and about fifty regular attendants. The Sunday school has been much improved during the last three months. Teachers and parents more interested, and children more punctual.

On the whole, I think the spiritual prospects of the parish more favourable than last year. Congregation larger than during winter season. There is yet a debt of about nine hundred dollars against the church; but it is to be hoped that by proper management, and some aid from other congregations, it will soon be liquidated.

During the last year, the ladies of the congregation have formed themselves into a missionary association, to aid the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, and have devoted the sum of fifteen dollars to that cause. Between Muncy and Sunbury, fifteen dollars have been collected and transmitted to the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

St. Marks' congregation at Hughesville, is yet in its infancy, being but recently formed. We hope for better days. I preach once there every other Sunday—meeting the congregation at Muncy in the morning and evening, and the congregation at Hughesville in the afternoon.

At Milton, the church makes but little progress; yet we trust in God and take courage. I baptized one infant there. Since October, my appointment has been to preach there every other Sunday once, in the afternoon of the Sunday, when I preach at Sunbury.

The congregation of St. Matthew's church, at Sunbury, still continues to increase. During the last year, I have baptized twelve children. One person has been admitted to the communion. Total number of communicants fifteen. The Sunday school more prosperous than during the winter. There is a very fine library connected with it, for the increase of which, much is due to the benevolence of the Rev. Benjamin Hutchins, and Mrs. Ogle, a lady now residing in Philadelphia.

The church, the foundation of which was laid last spring, and which was enclosed last autumn, is still unfinished for want of funds.

Thus on reviewing the past, I see many things to discourage, yet I will trust in God and praise his name, for the assurance which he gives, that he will be with his church to the end of time.

Report of the Rev. George Sheets, Rector of Trinity Church, Oxford, Philadelphia county.

Baptisms, children 19. Families, upwards of 30. Communicants, died or removed 2; present number 30. Public service, on Sunday mornings in the church, and generally in the afternoon and at night, in other places, besides occasional service on week days. Marriages 9. Burials 31. The children are taught the catechism in the Sunday schools, and occasionally heard therein, by myself. They are catechized also in the church during the month of May, after morning service. There are three Sunday schools, conducted by ladies belonging to the church, containing 10 teachers and 100 pupils. An effort is being made at present, to get up a building in the Borough of Frankford, for the accommodation of the Sunday school in that place, which, it is hoped, will be sufficiently large to hold divine service in, for the present.

The result of having separated the churches, for many years under my pastoral charge, into two separate parishes, which was accomplished during the last year, in the most amicable manner, can only be determined by the lapse of time. So far the experiment should seem to have answered a good purpose. There has been collected for the Episcopal fund $7 80; Society for the Advancement of Christianity $37 14.

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Report of the Rev. Nathan Stem, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Harrisburg, Dauphin County, Missionary.

Baptisms, infants 2. Congregation, families between 40 and 50. Communicants, added 6; present number 54.—Public services, on Sundays 104; other days 52; total 156. Confirmed 5. Marriages 4. Burials 4. Bible class 1; members 25. Sunday school 1; teachers 14; pupils 80. Collections, Episcopal fund $5; Society for the Advancement of Christianity $10; Missionary and other purposes, $1200; total $1215.

In addition to the above statistics, the rector is happy to state that the anticipations indulged at the period of his last report, have been realized. The balance of the *Bank debt, eleven hundred dollars and interest*, has been discharged, leaving the congregation unincumbered, with the exception of the five hundred dollars owed to a private individual, for the church lot, which it is hoped they will soon be able to pay also. It would be almost unpardonable not to mention, that the piety and zeal of the ladies of the congregation, have con-

tributed largely to this pleasing result. In March last, they held an exhibition and sale of fancy articles, at which they took in eight hundred and forty dollars, and realized a profit of six hundred and sixty-seven dollars, five hundred and fifty dollars of which, they placed at the disposal of the vestry, and with the balance they paid one year's salary to the organist, and purchased new lamps and other conveniences for the church. But that, upon which the rector cannot but dwell with peculiar delight, is the satisfactory evidence exhibited, that the spiritual improvement of the congregation keeps pace, in a very encouraging degree, with its temporal prosperity.

The rector of the abovementioned church has also, occasionally, visited Middletown, Thompsontown, Mifflin, and Bloomfield, in each of which places he confidently believes the Episcopal church might be established, provided sufficient attention could be given them. In Thompsontown, quite a neat stone building for worship, has already been erected, but in consequence of their having services very seldom during the last five or six years, the number of Episcopalians has become small. A missionary stationed in this section of country, would have an extensive field of usefulness presented to him.

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Report of the Rev. Wm. Suddards, Rector of Grace Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults 4; infants 23; total 27. Congregation, families 141; adults 270; children 360; total 630. Communicants, added 34; died or removed 6; present number 68. Public services, on Sundays 46; other days 25; total 71. Confirmed 11. Marriages 4. Burials 3. Bible class 1; members 10. Sunday schools, male 1; teachers 5; pupils 49; female 1; teachers 11; pupils 87; total, schools 2; teachers 16; pupils 136.

The present rector took charge of Grace Church in the month of December last, since which time he has been breaking the bread of life to an attentive and affectionate people. The congregation has steadily increased; the number of communicants receives monthly accessions, while through the liberality of the friends of the church, improvements and additions, costing three thousand dollars, are in progress, without increasing its debt.

Our Sunday schools have hitherto been unconnected with the Diocesan Union; but an action having been taken upon the subject by their managers, they are expected to be received at the next meeting of the Board. Two have been

admitted to the holy communion from the ranks of our school, and two others are candidates at present for that invaluable privilege.

Two societies have been formed for the promotion of religion, which have raised several hundred dollars, but as they were only organized a few weeks ago, no regular entry can be made of their finances in this report.

As the rector has been from the city since the above schedule was sent to him, no collections have been made for the societies referred to. Attention will be paid them.

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Report of the Rev. Stephen H. Tyng, D. D. Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia.

This is the first report from this church, and embraces only the period of time, between October 1834, when the church was consecrated, and Easter 1835. During this period, though the congregation has not been remarkably large, the state of it has been, in a religious point of view, encouraging. There are now eighty-seven communicants; of these sixty-six have been received from other churches, and twenty-one have been here admitted for the first time, as communicants in the church. There have been seventeen baptisms; eleven infants and six adults. Thirteen marriages and one funeral. There are two Sunday schools, each divided into three departments, viz: a bible class, an intermediate school, and an infant school. There are in all of them, twenty teachers, and one hundred and eighty scholars. There have been twenty-two persons confirmed, and one hundred and twenty children catechized. The congregation is still small, comprizing ninety-two families, containing three hundred and fifty souls; adults two hundred; children one hundred and fifty. The spiritual state of the church is still promising. There are two services held on every Lord's day, and three religious meetings of different kinds, during each week beside. There are two associations for the promotion of Christianity, whose united income for the present year, is about eight hundred dollars. There has been one collection in the church, of one hundred and seventy-five dollars, for the Sunday schools. The congregation may be remarked, as one though as yet small, unusually harmonious, serious, and energetic, in their collective relation and concerns. They are burdened as yet with a very heavy pecuniary responsibility, and though their faith is still to be tried in some measure, until the population in the sur-

rounding section of the city becomes more established and dense; there can be but little doubt, that there will be a large and flourishing church collected here, in the course of a few years.

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Report of the Rev. George Upfold, D. D., rector of Trinity Church, Pittsburgh.

Baptisms, adults 5; infants 108; total 113. Congregation, families about 160. Communicants, added 43; died or removed 18; present number 281. Public services, on Sundays 104; other days 30; total 134. Confirmed 27. Marriages 19. Burials 37. Bible class 1; members 30. Sunday schools, male 1; teachers 8; pupils 130; female 1; teachers 13; pupils 163; total, schools 2; teachers 21; pupils 293. Collections, Episcopal Fund, $20; Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $100; Missionary and other purposes, $2974; total $3094.

The last instalment of the subscription for liquidating the debt of the church, was paid in March last, and the corporation is now free from debt. The sum of $400 has been subscribed by the congregration, on the plan adopted by the Bishop of New Jersey, viz. twenty-five cents per month, and upwards of one hundred and seventy dollars has already been received by the treasurer, and appropriated to the Sunday school and Missionary purposes, and the remainder is in a course of payment. During the past year, the rector of the parish has visited the congregation of Georgetown, Beaver county, twice, on one of which occasions, he administered the holy communion to forty-five communicants. He has also officiated in the parish of St. Peter's, Butlertown, in St. Paul's, Kittaning, and at Freeport, and once at Greensburgh.

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Report of the Rev. Thomas West, Missionary, at Dyberry Church, in Honesdale and Bethany, Wayne county.

Baptisms, infants 2. Congregation, families 30; adults 89; children 43; total 132. Communicants, added 12; died or removed 6; present number 21. Public services, on Sundays 156; other days 104; total 260. Confirmed 8. Marriages 2. Burials 5.

It is with much regret that I have to say, that my efforts to get a Sunday school re-organized, have been unsuccessful, owing to a variety of causes, but we are in hopes, that this

summer, we shall be able to effect our wishes. When I came to this parish last year, we had but one member in Bethany, now we have nine, and twelve families regular attendants—here our congregation increases. In Honesdale, we are not diminishing, but were it not for certain causes, no doubt we would be more prosperous. Our struggles with embarrassment, caused the vestrymen and wardens to omit the collections for the Episcopal Fund, &c. We live in hopes, however, that another year will improve our condition.

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Report of the Right Rev. William White, D. D., rector of Christ church, St. Peter's, and St. James', Philadelphia.

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Christ Church.

The Rev. J. W. James, assistant minister..

The baptisms in this church have been, adults 7; infants 36; total 43. There have been 24 communicants added; 10 have died or removed; and the present number is 156, as far as they are known. On the day before Easter Sunday, there were confirmed 13 persons. The assistant minister has officiated at 11 marriages. The burials, in the grounds of the church, have been 65. The Sunday schools are, one male, one female, and one for infants, or the youngest children, comprising altogether, about 250 scholars, under the instruction of 27 teachers.

The collections and contributions have been as follows:

Episcopal fund $93 71; Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania $211 50; General Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union $130 89; Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society $141; Philadelphia Bible Society $92 66; Sunday Schools of the Congregation $88 30; Bishop White Prayer Book Society $100; Theological Seminary, Lexington, Kentucky, $110; and for other purposes $686 27; the whole amount is $1654 33, of which more than seven hundred dollars passed through the treasury of the association of the church, for the promotion of Christianity.

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St. Peter's church.

The Rev. Dr. De Lancey, having during the year, with the approbation of his congregation, engaged in a voyage for the recovery of his health; and his place having been supplied from time to time, as circumstances have permitted, there

can be no further account given of the state of the parish, than that it is not materially different from what appears on the journal of last year.

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St. James' Church.

The Rev. Henry J. Morton, assistant minister.

Baptisms, adults 4; infants 22; total 26. Communicants, added 16; died or removed 4; present number 150. Public services, on Sundays 100; other days 60; total 160. Confirmed 15. Marriages 7. Children catechized 56; times 6. Bible class 1; members 70. Sunday schools, male 1; teachers 9; pupils 50; female 2; teachers 11; pupils 170; total, schools 3; teachers 19; pupils 223. Collections, Episcopal fund $70; Society for the Advancement of Christianity $100 18; Missionary and other purposes $1585 40; total $1755 58.

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Additional Report of the Rector.

In addition, the rector of the said three churches reports, that he has officiated in them alternately, and in Christ Church Hospital, during the year, until the latter end of the last few weeks of it; when his services were suspended by an injury sustained in his right leg, which occasioned confinement to his house.

Owing to the same cause, has been the omission of the lectures usually delivered by him, in the seasons of Lent and Easter.

His marriages have been seventeen.

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Report of the Rev. S. Wilmer, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Francisville, Philadelphia county.

With assistance from clerical brethren, he has continued to labour in this church, and other destitute places, as missionary ground. The fluctuating population, owing to frequent removals throughout the vicinity, presents at times, a discouraging aspect; and yet there is sufficient encouragement for a Minister of Christ to persevere in this field, if he can continue his efforts without a salary from the congregation, or any other quarter. No part of the Lord's vineyard, seems to be in greater need of cultivation. The location of the edifice, at the junction of Fourth street, Schuylkill, with

the Village, although considered by some, as injudicious, should not be abandoned, more especially as its contiguity to the Girard College, leads to a reasonable expectation, that by its being still occupied, important results may be anticipated. By the exertions and contributions of a few persons, the interior of the building has been painted, and improved.

Baptisms 6. Marriages 5.

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Report of the Wardens of St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adult 1; infants 14; total 15. Marriages 2. Burials 14.

The report from this church is necessarily exceedingly partial. Since the last Convention, on the 30th day of August, 1834, the wise providence of God removed its Rector, the Rev. Gregory T. Bedell, D. D. from his earthly labours. Under his ministry the church had been erected and the congregation made in a high degree prosperous and successful. During a ministry of eleven years, for which period of time he was placed over St. Andrew's church, the cause of religion gained continual strength and influence, and many souls will have cause to give thanks to God throughout eternity for the spiritual benefit which they received through him. Since his decease the church has continued vacant, and been supplied by such occasional labours as the providence of God has presented. The congregation have lately elected a Rector, whose answer to their call they are daily expecting. In the mean time the Wardens are only able to say, the church has not suffered in the congregation so much as might have been feared under this distressing bereavement, and though they have been cast down, they have not been forsaken. There is every prospect of a full revival of the influence and usefulness of this church under the anticipated labours of its elected Rector.

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Report of Mr. David W. Huling, for St. Mark's church, Lewistown, Mifflin county.

Sunday schools, male 1; teachers 5; pupils 30; female 1; teachers 6; pupils 45: total, schools 2; teachers 11; pupils 75.

The Rev. C. Chambers, Rector, left in December last. Rev. Mr. Thorn has officiated two Sabbaths, and administered the sacrament. I have read service and a sermon each Sunday, as a lay reader. The church is flourishing, but requires an active Rector.

On motion of Dr. Mead,

Resolved, That five hundred copies of the Journal be printed.

On motion,

Resolved, That the next Convention be held in St. Andrew's church, in this city.

The Convention then united in singing the last four verses of the 99th of the selected psalms; when, after the benediction from the Right Rev. Bishop White, the Convention adjourned, *sine die*.

WILLIAM COOPER MEAD,
Secretary of the Convention.
SAMUEL A. M'COSKRY,
Assistant Secretary.

List of the Clergy of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

JUNE, 1835.

THE Right Rev. William White, D. D. senior Bishop of the American Protestant Episcopal church, presiding in the house of bishops, bishop of the diocese, and rector of Christ church, St. Peter's, and St. James's, Philadelphia.

The Right Rev. Henry Ustick Onderdonk, D. D. Assistant Bishop of the diocese of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

The Rev. James Abercrombie, D. D. residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. Charles H. Alden, residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. Thomas G. Allen, residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. Robert Ayres, residing in Franklin, Venango county.

The Rev. Frederick W. Beasley, rector of All Saints' church, Lower Dublin, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. Samuel Bowman, rector of St. James' church, Lancaster, Lancaster county.

The Rev. George Boyd, rector of St. John's church, N. L. Philadelphia.

The Rev. Samuel C. Brincklé, assistant minister of the Swedish churches, near Philadelphia.

The Rev. William Bryant, residing in Philadelphia, teaching a school, and officiating as domestic missionary in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. E. Y. Buchanan, deacon, minister of St. John's church, Pequea, and Christ church, Leacock, Lancaster county.

The Rev. Levi Bull, rector of St. Mary's church, East Nantmeal, Chester county, Bangor church, Churchtown, Lancaster county, and St. Thomas' church, Morgantown, Berks county.

The Rev. Corry Chambers.

The Rev. Jehu C. Clay, rector of the Swedish churches, near Philadelphia.

The Rev. John B. Clemson, rector of St. Paul's church, Chester, St. Martin's, Marcus Hook, and St. John's church, Concord, Delaware county.

The Rev. George W. Cole, deacon, at Downingtown and West Chester, missionary in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Asa S. Colton.

The Rev. Chauncey Colton, President of Bristol College.

The Rev. Thomas Crumpton, rector of Christ church, Meadville, Crawford county.

The Rev. Christian F. Crusé, minister of St. Thomas' church, White-marsh, Montgomery county, and principal of Germantown Academy, missionary in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Robert Davis, Philadelphia.

The Rev. William H. De Lancey, D. D. assistant minister of St. Peter's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. James De Pui, rector of St. Luke's church, Pottsville, Schuylkill county, missionary in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Jacob M. Douglass, residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. William Douglass, deacon, (a coloured man,) minister of St Thomas', (African) church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. George C. Drake, rector of St. Paul's church, Bloomsburgh, Columbia county, missionary, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Henry W. Ducachet, M. D., rector of St. Stephen's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Charles M. Dupuy, residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. Robert Dyce.

The Rev. Lyman N. Freeman, rector of Christ church, Brownsville, Fayette county, and St. Peter's church, Pike Run, Washington county, missionary, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Silas W. Freeman.

The Rev. Bennet Glover, rector of St. Paul's church, Erie, and St. Peter's church, Waterford, Erie county, missionary, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. John R. Goodman, rector of St. John's church, Carlisle, Cumberland county.

The Rev. William Hilton, rector of Christ church, Allegheny, missionary, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Benjamin Hutchins, rector of St. John the Baptist's church, York, York county.

The Rev. Cyrus H. Jacobs, rector of St. Paul's church, West Whiteland, and St. Andrew's church, West Vincent, Chester county.

The Rev. John W. James, assistant minister of Christ church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Joseph Jacquett, residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. Bryan B. Killikelly, deacon, minister of St. Peter's church, Butler, Butler county, St. Paul's church, Kittaning, and Trinity Parish, Freeport, Armstrong county, missionary, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. George Kirke rector of St. John's church, New London cross roads, Chester county, missionary, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. William B. Lacey, D. D., Pittsburgh.

The Rev. Samuel T. Lord, deacon, at Athens and Towanda, Bradford county, missionary, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Samuel A. M'Coskry, rector of St. Paul's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Samuel Marks, at Carbondale and Dundaff, Susquehannah county, missionary, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. James May, rector of St. Stephen's church, Wilkes-Barré.

The Rev. William Cooper Mead, D. D. rector of Trinity church, Southwark, Philadelphia.

The Rev. George Mintzer, rector of St. Gabriel's church, Morlattin, Berk's county, missionary, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Richard U. Morgan, rector of Christ church, Reading, Berks county.

The Rev. Henry J. Morton, assistant minister of St. James' church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Willie Peck, deacon, at Montrose, Susquehanna county, missionary, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Robert Piggot, rector of All Soul's church, Philadelphia, and officiating in St. Mary's church, Hamiltonville, as missionary of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. William H. Rees, rector of St. David's (Radnor) church, Newtown, Delaware county, and St. Peter's church, Great Valley, Chester county.

The Rev. Francis Reno, Beaver, Beaver county.

The Rev. John Reynolds, rector of St. James' church, Perkiomen, and St. John's church, Norristown, Montgomery county.

The Rev. Greenbury W. Ridgely, Newtown, Bucks county.

The Rev. John Rodney, Jr. rector of St. Luke's church, Germantown, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. Joshua M. Rogers, rector of Trinity church, Easton, missionary, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. George Sheets, rector of Trinity church, Oxford, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. George A. Smith, residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. Isaac Smith, rector of St. James' church, Muncy, Lycoming county, and St. Matthews' church, Sunbury, Northumberland county, missionary, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Nathan Stem, rector of St. Stephen's church, Harrisburg, Dauphin county, and missionary, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. William Suddards, rector of Grace church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. John Taylor, residing in Pittsburgh, Allegheny county.

The Rev. John V. E. Thorn, Carlisle.

The Rev. James H. Tyng.

The Rev. Stephen H. Tyng, D. D., rector of the church of the Epiphany.

The Rev. George Upfold, D. D., rector of Trinity church, Pittsburgh.

The Rev. Peter Van Pelt, secretary of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Thomas West, rector of Grace church, Honesdale, Wayne county, missionary, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Charles Williams, D. D.

The Rev. Simon Wilmer, rector of St. Matthews' church, Francisville, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. Bird Wilson, D. D. professor of systematic divinity in the General Theological Seminary.

The Rev. James Wiltbank, Philadelphia. Total, 74.

List of the Congregations in the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

ADAMS COUNTY.

Huntingdon township—Christ Church.

ARMSTRONG COUNTY.

Kittaning—St. Paul's church.

ALLEGHENY COUNTY.

City of Pittsburgh—Trinity church.
Allegheny—Christ church.
Lawrenceville—St. John's church.

BEAVER COUNTY.

Georgetown—Georgetown church.

BERKS COUNTY.

Amity township (Morlattin)—St. Gabriel's church.
Reading—Christ church.
Morgantown—St. Thomas's church.

BRADFORD COUNTY.

Pike—St. Matthew's church.

BUCKS COUNTY.

Bristol—St. James the Greater's church.
Newtown—St. Luke's Church.
Yardleyville—St. Andrew's Church.

BUTLER COUNTY.

Butler—St. Peter's church.

CENTRE COUNTY.

Phillipsburgh—Trinity church.

CHESTER COUNTY.

New London township—St. John's church.
East Nantmeal township—St. Mary's church.
Great Valley—St. Peter's church.
Pequea township—St. John's church.
West Whiteland township—St. Paul's church.
West Vincent—St. Andrew's church.

COLUMBIA COUNTY.

Sugarloaf township—St. Gabriel's church.
Bloomsburgh—St. Paul's church.

Madison, (Jerseytown)—Christ church.
Danville—Christ church.

CRAWFORD COUNTY.

Meadville—Christ church.
Rockville—Trinity church.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Carlisle—St. John's church.

DAUPHIN COUNTY.

Harrisburg—St. Stephen's church.

DELAWARE COUNTY

Chester—St. Paul's church.
Lower Chichester township, Marcus Hook—St. Martin's church.
Concord township—St. John's church.
Newtown township—Radnor—St. David's church.
Rockdale—Calvary Church.

ERIE COUNTY.

Erie—St. Paul's church.
Waterford—St. Peter's church.

FAYETTE COUNTY.

Brownsville—Christ church.
Manalen—Grace church.
Connellsville—Trinity church.

HUNTINGDON COUNTY.

Huntingdon—St. John's church.

INDIANA COUNTY.

Blairsville—St. Peter's church.

LANCASTER COUNTY.

City of Lancaster—St. James's church.
Leacock township—Christ church.
Caernarvon township, Churchtown—Bangor church.
Marietta—Zion church.

LUZERNE COUNTY.

Wilkes-Barré—St. Stephen's church.

LYCOMING COUNTY.

Muncy—St. James's church.

MERCER COUNTY.

Mercer—St. John's church.

MIFFLIN COUNTY.

Lewistown—St. Mark's church.
Thompsontown—St. Stephen's church.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

Whitemarsh township—St. Thomas's church.
Perkiomen township—St. James's church.
Norristown—St. John's church.
Pottstown—Christ church.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY.

Easton—Trinity church.

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Milton—Christ church.

Sunbury—St. Matthew's church.

PHILADELPHIA COUNTY.

The city of Philadelphia—Christ church, St. Peter's church, St. James's church, St. Paul's church, St. Stephen's church, St. Andrew's church, Grace church, All Soul's church, and the church of the Epiphany.

Northern Liberties—St. John's church.

Southwark—Trinity church.

Francisville—St. Matthew's church.

Lower Dublin township—All Saint's church.

Oxford township—Trinity church.

Germantown—St. Luke's church.

Blockley township, Mantua—St. Mark's church.

Hamiltonville—St. Mary's church.

Manayunk—St. David's church.

SCHUYLKILL COUNTY.

Pottsville—St. Luke's church.

SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY.

Springville—St. Jude's church.

New Milford—St. Mark's church.

Montrose—St. Paul's church.

VENANGO COUNTY.

Franklin—St. John's church.

Venango Furnace—St. James's church.

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Pike-run township—St. Peter's church.

WAYNE COUNTY.

Dyberry parish—Embracing Grace church, Honesdale, and Truth church, Bethany.

WESTMORELAND COUNTY.

Greensburg—Christ church.

YORK COUNTY.

York—St. John the Baptist's church.

There is also in Philadelphia, St. Thomas (African) church, not in union with the convention. Total, 86.

Dr. The Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church

1834.			
May 17	To cash paid Rt. Rev. Bishop Onderdonk, his account of expenses of visitations per order of Standing Committee,		$ 47 69
23	To cash paid the following Clergy, towards their expenses in attending the Convention, viz:		
	The Rev. Mr. M'Coskry,	$ 5 00	
	Mr. Marsden,	10 40	
	Mr. Hilton,	29 10	
	Dr. Upfold,	29 10	
	Mr. Reynolds,	2 40	
	Mr. De Pui,	8 40	
	Mr. May,	11 60	
	Mr. Hare,	11 20	
	Mr. Freeman,	29 10	
	Mr. Glover,	41 70	
	Mr. Marks,	16 40	
	Mr. Kirke,	3 80	
	Mr. Stem,	9 70	
	Mr. Morgan,	4 30	
	Mr. Mintzer,	3 80	
	Mr. Chambers,	17 90	
	Mr. Sheets,	77	
	Mr. Clemson,	1 40	
	Mr. Jacobs,	2 52	
	Mr. Bull,	3 80	
	Mr. Rodney,	67	
	Mr. Bowman,	6 00	249 06
	To discount on foreign Bank bill,		13
July 9	To cash paid Rev. Dr. Mead for postages, by order of Standing Committee,		9 05
	To cash paid J. Leidy, for attending on the Convention in St. Andrew's church, for the years 1829 and 1834, per order of the Standing Committee,		10 75
Oct. 3	To cash paid Rt. Rev. Bishop Onderdonk, account of expenses in visitations, per order of the Standing Committee,		57 32
1835.	To cash paid Jesper Harding, on account of bill for printing,		130 00
March 20	To cash paid Rt. Rev. Bishop Onderdonk, account of expenses in visitations, per order of Standing Committee,		45 39
May 12	Balance in Bank,		16 08
			$565 47

in Pennsylvania, with Tobias Wagner, Treasurer. *Cr.*

1834.	By balance of former account, . .	31	22
May 13	By cash received of Trinity church, Pittsburg,	20	
22	St. Paul's, Bloomsburg,	5	
	St. Luke's, Pottsville,	5	
	St. James', Perkiomen,	5	
	St. John's, Concord,	5	
	St. Mary's, East Nantmeal,	5	
	St. James', Lancaster,	20	
	St. Stephen's, Wilkes-Barre,	5	
	St. Stephen's, Harrisburg,	10	
	Christ, Allegheny,	5	
	Christ, Reading,	5	
	Christ, Meadville,	10	
	St. Martin's, Marcus Hook,	5	
	St. James', Muncy,	5	
	St. John's, N. London ✕ roads,	5	
	St. David's, Radnor,	5	
	St. Paul's, West Whiteland,	5	
	Trinity, Oxford,	5	
	St. Thomas, Morgantown,	5	
	Christ, Brownsville,	5	
	Trinity, Connelsville,	5	
	Christ church, Greensburg,	5	
	St. Peter's, Philadelphia,	20	
	St. Matthew's, Pike, Bradford county,	5	
	St. Mark's, New Milford,	5	
23	Bangor, Churchtown,	5	
	Trinity, Southwark,	5	
22	St. Paul's, Montrose,	5	
26	St. Mark's, Mifflin,	5	
	Trinity, Phillipsburg,	5	
22	St. John's, Carlisle,	5	
25	St. Stephen's, Philadelphia,	20	
22	St. John's, Northern Liberties,	5	
23	T. Biddle & Co., for sales of $190 5 per cent stock of the state of Pennsylvania, at 7½ per cent premium,	204	25
June 6	Christ church, Philadelphia,	20	
Aug. 1	St. Paul's, Philadelphia,	20	
1835.			
Feb. 12	Grace, Philadelphia,	5	
	St. John's the Baptist, York,	20	
25	Christ church, Jerseytown, Columbia county,	5	
	St. Gabriel's, Sugarloaf,	5	
April 16	St. James's, Philadelphia,	20	
		$565	47
May 12	By balance, ...	16	08

ERRORS EXCEPTED. TOBIAS WAGNER, *Treasurer.*

The above account has been examined by us, and found correct.

May 12, 1835. GEORGE SHEETS, CHARLES WHEELER, } Committee.

Dr. *Episcopal Fund in account with*

1834.		
Aug. 11	To cash paid Rt. Rev. H. U. Onderdonk, Assistant Bishop, being the interest of Episcopal Fund from February 1st to August 1st, 1834, . . .	$359 33
Sept. 4	Messrs. Hale & Davidson to purchase 5 per cent. stock of the State of Pennsylvania, . . .	186 20
1835.		
Feb. 6	Rt. Rev. H. U. Onderdonk, Assistant Bishop, being the interest of Episcopal Fund from August 1st, 1834, to February 1st, 1834, .	363 64
May 6	Messrs. Hale & Davidson to purchase 5 per cent. stock of the state of Pennsylvania, . . .	194 67
11	Messrs. Hale & Davidson to purchase 5 per cent. stock of the state of Pennsylvania, . . .	70 53
		$1,174 37

We the subscribers, appointed for that purpose by the Standing Committee, do certify that we have examined the foregoing account, and the vouchers therefor, and find the same to be correct.

GEORGE BOYD,
JOHN READ, } Committee.

Philadelphia, May 12, 1835.

James S. Smith, Treasurer. *Cr.*

1834.		
	By cash received, being collections in the following churches, viz:	
May 22	St. John's church, Carlisle, .	$13 50
	St. Paul's church, West Whiteland, Chester county, . . .	5 46
	St. Andrew's church, West Vincent, Chester county, . . .	6 18
	St. James' church, Lancaster, .	37 50
	Trinity church, Pittsburg, . .	16 28
	St. James' church, Perkiomen, .	7 27
	St. Luke's church, Pottsville, .	2 90
	St. Stephen's church, Wilkes-Barré,	4 37
	St. Mary's church, East Nantmeal,	3 69
	Christ church, Reading, . .	6 46
	St. Paul's church, Chester, .	3 31
	St. Martin's church, Marcus Hook,	2 11
	Christ church, Leacock, . .	3 00
	St. John's church, Pequea, .	2 43
	St. David's church, Newtown, Delaware county, ...	6 00
	St. Gabriel's church, Morlattin, Berks co.	4 05
	Christ church, Brownsville, .	8 00
	St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia,	32 75
	St. John's church, Northern Liberties,	15 00
	St. John's church, New London, Chester county, ...	1 69
	St. John's church, Norristown, .	4 25
Aug. 9	By cash received, being interest on State 5 per cent. loan, from February 1st to August 1st, 1834,	359 33
Nov. 17	By cash received, being collection in Trinity church,	
1835.	Easton, ...	10 00
Jan. 9	By cash, being collection in St. John's church, York,	6 48
Feb. 5	By cash, being interest on State 5 per cent. stock, from August 1st, 1834, to February 1st, 1835,	363 64
May 4	By cash, being collection in St. Peter's church, Philadelphia, ...	84 48
	By cash, being collection in Christ church, Philad.	93 71
11	By cash, being collection in St. James' church, do.	70 53
		$1,174 37

JAMES S. SMITH, *Treasurer.*

Philadelphia, May 12, 1835.

Bought by order of James S. Smith, Esq. for the Episcopal Fund.

1834 Sept. 15th,	$172 01	terms 5 p. c. red'bl	1853 at	108¼ p. c.	$186 20
1835 May 12th,	240	do.	do.	110½	265 20
	$412 01				$451 40

Transferred to the Trustees, and payment received,

HALE & DAVIDSON.

Philadelphia, May 12, 1835.

The Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Pennsylvania is invested wholly in the five per cent. stock of the State of Pennsylvania, and amounts at this time to the sum of fourteen thousand seven hundred and eighty-five dollars and fifty-eight cents.

JOHN READ,
THOMAS HALE,
JAMES S. SMITH,
} *Trustees of the Episcopal Fund.*

Philadelphia, May 12, 1835.

List of Candidates for Orders in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, June, 1835.

John Campbell—since July 17, 1825.
David Dick—since January 15, 1828.
Augustin P. Prevost—since March, 1830.
Henry B. Page—since February 18, 1831.
John B. Foster—since April 3, 1832.
Henry F. M. Whitesides—since April 3, 1832.
William Hommann—since July 27, 1832.
John Linn M'Kim—since May 14, 1833.
Alfred A. Miller—since July 6, 1833.
John R. White—since July 6, 1833.
Kingston Goddard—since September 18, 1833.
John W. Hoffman—since September 18, 1833.
Thomas E. Paine—since October 11, 1833.
Robert G. Hays—since October 11, 1833.
William M'Dougall—since November 19, 1833.
Alexander Forbes Dobb—since January 20, 1834.
John S. Brennemen—since January 20, 1834.
James C. Hulme—since April 23, 1834.
Oliver G. Shaw—since July 7, 1834.
Edwin Wilson Wiltbank—since July 7, 1834.
Walter E. Franklin—since December 2, 1833.
Alfred Louderback—since October 2, 1834.
Richard F. Burnham—since October 2, 1834.
N. S. Harris—since November 3, 1834.
David Watts Huling—since November 3, 1834.
William White—since November 3, 1834.
John M'Elhinney—since November 3, 1834.
John Francis Hoff—since November 3, 1834.
George W. Natt—since January 3, 1835.
Edmund Neville—since March 20, 1835.

Total, 30.